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HAMMOND'S GREAT INNINGS.

SECOND HIGHEST TEST SCORE.

BAD LUCK TO PLAY ON AFTER MAKING 251.

ENGLAND'S BIG LEAD.

With three wickets still to fall, England at lunch-time today had gained a lead of 256 runs on the first innings, one short of a hundred runs having been added to the over-night runs short of the 521 scored in the First Test match.

The position brings into prospect the possibility of a record Test score, since England require only 82 runs to exceed the 600 put up by Australia at Melbourne in 1924-25. England's previous highest score was compiled in 1911-12 by J.W.H.T. Douglas's team also at Melbourne, when 589 runs were scored.

Just over 5,000 spectators were on the ground when the not out (Hammond, 201 and Larwood, 37) went out to resume England's innings this morning in fine weather, with the wicket still playing fast.

Larwood Caught.

Larwood did not long survive the Australian attack, putting up a catch into Ryder's safe hands after scoring six additional runs. His 43 were made by a free hitting, and his partnership with Hammond added 91 runs to the total.

Hammond, by glorious hitting to the off, soon beat W. L. Murdoch's 211 at the Oval in 1884, and thus secured the honour of scoring the second highest individual score in the Anglo-Australian Test matches.

Hammond's Bad Luck.

He was battling freely and looked well set for surpassing Foster's record score of 287, when he had the misfortune to play on to his wicket from a nasty ball from Ironmonger.

His great innings came to an end after he had scored 251 runs out of 459 runs compiled while he was at the wickets. He batted for seven hours and 35 minutes giving only one chance—to Ryder when 148. His innings was superb in every respect and he sent the ball to the boundary thirty times. His wicket fell when the board showed 496 runs.

He had been joined by Geary, who played very cautiously and scored extremely slowly.

The men in at lunch-time were Geary and Tate. The latter who had replaced Hammond scored rapidly and had overtaken his partner when the interval was reached.

Australian—1st Innings.

W. M. Woodfull, lb.w., Geary	68
V. V. Richardson, b. Larwood	27
A. F. Kippax, b. Geary	9
W. H. Ponsford, retired hurt	5
H. L. Hendry, b. Geary	37
J. S. Ryder, lb.w., Geary	25
O. Nothing, b. Larwood	8
W. A. Oldfield, not out	9
C. V. Grimmett, run out	3
C. D. J. Blackie, b. Geary	8
H. Ironmonger, c. Duckworth, b. Larwood	1
Extras	15

Total 253
Fall of wickets: 1 for 5 runs (Richardson), 2 for 65 (Kippax), 3 for 76 (Ponsford), 4 for 152 (Woodfull), 5 for 163 (Hendry), 6 for 171 (Nothing), 7 for 192 (Ryder), 8 for 222 (Grimmett), 9 for 251 (Blackie), 10 for 253 (Ironmonger).

Bowling Analysis.

Larwood	26.2	4	77	8
Tate	21	9	29	8
White	30	10	70	5
Geary	18	5	35	5
Hammond	5	—	18	—

England—1st Innings.

J. B. Hobbs, c. Oldfield, b. Grimmett	40
H. Sutcliffe, c. Hendry, b. Ironmonger	11
W. R. Hammond, b. Ironmonger	251
E. R. Jardine, run out	23
D. Hendren, c. Richardson, b. Blackie	24
A. P. F. Chapman, c. Ryder, b. Blackie	70
H. Larwood, c. Ryder, b. Grimmett	43
G. Geary, not out	21
M. W. Tate, not out	22
Extras	9

Total (for 7 wks.) 510

Fall of wickets: 1 for 37 runs (Sutcliffe), 2 for 65 (Hobbs), 3 for 148 (Jardine), 4 for 293 (Hendren), 5 for 341 (Chapman), 6 for 482 (Larwood), 7 for 496 (Hammond).—*Reuter.*

INDIAN SWARAJIST OUTRAGE.

EUROPEAN A.S.P., LAHORE SHOT DEAD.

MURDERS IN STREET.

Lahore, Dec. 17. A terrible outrage perpetrated, it is believed, by youthful fanatics, occurred in the streets of Lahore to-day, Mr. Saunders, the Assistant Superintendent of Police, being shot dead, while an Indian police clerk who gave chase to the assassins was also killed.

The affair has created a great sensation.

Mr. Saunders was cycling home from his office when shots rang out, and he was seen to fall dead. Two youths armed with revolvers were immediately chased, and one of the men engaged in the pursuit was also shot down.

The assailants made good their escape on motor-cycles, but a vigorous Police search is now being made.

The crime is believed to be an act of revenge for the death of Lajpat Rai, the Nationalist leader, who the Swarajists alleged died as the result of a blow received

SMASHING BLOW AT KIDNAPPERS.

Lightning Raids by Police in Shanghai.

MASTER MINDS CAUGHT.

Shanghai, Dec. 18. The Police of the International Settlement have administered a smashing blow at the kidnapping ring, having captured no fewer than thirteen in a series of lightning raids.

The men arrested include the master minds of the amazing criminal organisation, those who have been concentrating their efforts on the ransoming of wealthy Chinese merchants.

Included in the thirteen are four actors well known publicly. More arrests are expected.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

during the riot at Lahore on the occasion of the arrival of the Simon Commission.

Mr. Saunders, who died almost immediately after he had been shot, took part in the previous affair.—*Reuter.*

ELECTION & IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

POSTPONEMENT RUMOURS IN THE AIR.

London, Dec. 17. In view of the fact that the General Election will take place some time during next year, statements have been current that the Imperial Conference, which ordinarily would be held in 1929 might be postponed till 1930.

Questioned on this quarter in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. C. D. J. Blackie, the Secretary for the Dominions, said he was unable to state at the moment whether the Conference would be postponed, adding that the date had not yet been fixed. The date must, of course, be suitable to all the Governments concerned.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

NORWEGIAN STEAMER AGROUND.

WITH HONGKONG CARGO ABOARD.

News has been received in the Colony by mail to the effect that the Norwegian steamer Bessa, for whom Messrs. Thorsen and Co. are local agents, went aground at Lisbon on November 19th, water coming into the No. 1 and No. 2 holds.

The Bessa was carrying cargo for Hongkong and other Far Eastern ports, and so far no news has been received of her having been refloated.

SOUTH AMERICAN WAR FEARS.

EIGHT HOUR BATTLE ON FRONTIER.

OFFICERS AND MEN KILLED ON BOTH SIDES.

MANY PEACE MOVES.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 17. Hostilities between Bolivian and Paraguayan outposts continue, and according to a message from Asuncion, the Paraguayan cavalry have recaptured a small fort after eight hours of fighting.

Two Bolivian officers and a number of men were killed, while the Paraguayan cavalry lost one officer and eleven troopers killed, and many wounded. The Bolivians also suffered many non-fatal casualties.

This news, together with the fact that a Bolivian aeroplane dropped bombs over Bahianegra, and the decree ordering the mobilisation of all men in Paraguay between 18 and 29, had led to the opinion being generally expressed that war is inevitable.

Paris Conference.

Sir Eric Drummond, the Secretary-General of the League of Nations, accompanied by the Director of the Political Section, Mr. Sugimura, is leaving for Paris this evening to confer with Mr. Briand regarding measures to be taken in view of the Bolivia-Paraguay dispute.

In the course of questions in the British Parliament regarding the fear of war in South America, Sir N. Gorton Doyle asked if the League of Nations had any jurisdiction whatever in any part of America in view of the provisions of the Monroe Doctrine.

The Monroe Doctrine.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied in the affirmative, pointing out that there were many clauses in the League Covenant which enjoined, upon the Council the duty of offering its friendly offices to all States.

Sir Austen said he did not think that the action taken by the Council could be thought in any quarter to raise, or challenge for a moment, the question of the Monroe Doctrine.

Sir Austen deprecated further questions by Sir N. Gorton Doyle and added that he was certain that nothing that the League could do could in any way offend the United States.

Seeking Peaceful Way Out.

Efforts are being made on all hands to find a peaceful settlement of the dispute, the Pope and King Alfonso being among those who have offered to assist, while Mr. Kellogg is doing his utmost to settle the quarrel and to restore peace.

It is reported from Washington that reports from both countries now seem to indicate a willingness to accept the proffered mediation of the Pan-American Conference.

Pope's Anxiety.

A message from Rome states according to the Tribune, the Pope has summoned to Rome, Monsiegnor Chirini, the new Papal Nuncio to La Paz, with a view to urging Bolivia to agree to a peaceful solution of the quarrel.

"Mother Country."

Madrid is also actively interested in the war threat and General Primo de Rivera has announced that Spain as the "mother of both countries and the spiritual head of the peoples of the Spanish race" has approached the Bolivian and Paraguayan Governments in the interests of a peaceful settlement.

The Presidents of both countries have replied to the Spanish Government expressing profound thanks.—*Reuter.*

Asuncion, Dec. 17. In addition to accepting the offer of mediation by the Pan-American Conference, the Government of Paraguay has also accepted the offer of mediation made by the President of the Argentine Republic.—*Reuter's American Service.*

A six-year-old girl, the daughter of a samsan woman, was scalded to death yesterday through a pot of boiling water being spilled over her.

JAPAN'S ACTIONS IN SHANTUNG.

INTERNMENT OF CHINESE ROLLING STOCK.

BRITISH VIEWPOINT.

London, Dec. 17. The detention of rolling-stock by the Japanese authorities in occupation in Shantung, and the interference with trade thereby occasioned, were the subject of questions in the House of Commons to-day.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, who returned yesterday from Lugano, stated that His Majesty's Government had made no representations to Japan with regard to the rolling-stock in question, which belongs to the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and has been interned between Tainan and the broken bridge on the Yellow River.

The British Government did not propose to make any representations since the material in question was the property of a Chinese State railway and British interests were only indirectly concerned.

He was quite sure that the Japanese authorities had no desire to hamper international trade carried on over the Tientsin-Pukow Railway, and that this rolling-stock would be put into circulation as soon as practical considerations make this possible.—*Reuter.*

AVIATION PIONEER HONOURED.

MEMORIAL TO ORVILLE WRIGHT.

San Francisco, Dec. 17.

A message from Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, states that the 25th anniversary of Orville Wright's epoch-making 120-foot flight was celebrated at a gathering of the representatives of thirty nations.

Those attending witnessed the unveiling of a memorial tablet on the spot where the elementary aircraft took off, this being performed by Senator Bingham, President of the National Aeronautical Association.

Mr. Davis, the Secretary for War, in a speech paid a warm tribute to the Wright Brothers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA.

RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS NOT POSSIBLE.

London, Dec. 17.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, stated in the House of Commons to-day, in reply to questions, that the Government did not consider that M. Litvinoff's speech in Moscow on December 11th, with regard to trading and diplomatic relations between Russia and other countries, in any way altered the situation between this country and Russia.

In the Premier's speech at the Lord Mayor's banquet on November 9th last year, the conditions were set forth on which the Government would be ready to consider the question of resuming relations with Russia, but those conditions had not yet been fulfilled.—*British Wireless.*

NEW YORK'S NEW POLICE CHIEF.

MANAGER OF WANAMAKER'S STORES.

New York, Dec. 17.

Mr. Grover Whalen, the General Manager of Wanamaker's Stores, has accepted the Commissioner's offer of Police, in succession to Mr. Warren, who recently resigned over the Rothstein case.

It will be remembered that Mr. Rothstein, a well-known sportsman, was shot dead in the street after allegedly losing \$70,000 at poker and refusing to pay by reason of sharking.

The Police Department was subsequently severely criticised, and Mr. Warren, the Commissioner, resigned.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GROWING CHINESE RESENTMENT.

SECRET AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN?

NISHIHARA LOAN STORY STILL PERSISTS.

MUCH INDIGNATION.

Shanghai, Dec. 17.

Chinese reports from Nanking insist that the Chinese Finance Ministry has concluded a secret agreement with Japan formally recognising the unsecured Japanese loans to China including the Nishihara loan, which was obtained by the former Peking Premier, Tuan Chi-jui, to finance operations against the revolutionary movement in South China under the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

It is asserted that Mr. T. V. Soong, the Finance Minister, was responsible for the negotiation of this agreement with Mr. S. Yada, the Japanese Consul-General for Shanghai. In return for China's recognition of these unsecured loans, amounting to \$100,000,000, the Japanese are said to have consented to the new Tariff Schedule to be enforced as from February 1st, 1929.

Denial Explained.

Regarding Mr. T. V. Soong's recent emphatic denial of the Nishihara Loan, it is said that in rumour that he had recognized the reality that term "Nishihara Loans" was not mentioned in the secret agreement, but that the phrase used was "all unsecured loans," these naturally including the Nishihara Loan.

It is further alleged that the agreement provides that at the end of 1929 China will, from the new Customs revenues, repay \$5,000,000 as the first instalment towards the redemption of the Japanese loans in question, and thereafter, at the end of every year, the amount will be increased by one million dollars until the full amount has been repaid.

Another report says that the bondholders of these unsecured loans are holding a meeting in Japan shortly to consider the distribution of the first instalment of \$5,000,000, which they expected to obtain from China next year.

Public Indignation.

Public feeling in Shanghai, Peking and Nanking is said to be running high in connexion with these rumours, and it is also stated that, in fear of untoward incidents by mobs, Mr. T. V. Soong's movements in Nanking have been kept secret during the past few days.

Mr. T. V. Soong, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. Chang Ching-kuang will leave Shanghai for Nanking this evening.

Nanking Riot Echo.

Nanking, Dec. 17. Yesterday two alleged ringleaders of the riots which took place last Thursday, when anti-Japanese agitators made an attempt to set fire to the residence of the Foreign Minister, Dr. C. T. Wang, injuring over 25 police officers, who endeavoured to suppress the mob.

The Nanking Government holds the view that Communist assistance is at the back of the agitations.

Mayor's Resignation.

Shanghai, Dec. 17. In connexion with the opium scandal, Mr. Chang Ting-fan, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, yesterday tendered his resignation to the National Government for the second time.

It is stated that the Mayor has also ordered his subordinates to wind up work in the Municipality and to settle all outstanding accounts in his department so as to be ready for the relinquishment of his duties.

Mr. Chang, it is said, will shortly proceed to Peking and assume the Commandership of the 2nd Nationalist Division under the Hunan and Hupeh Army.

A Chinese boy jumped off a moving bus in Cameron Road yesterday, and received injuries from which he died after admission to hospital.

PLIGHT OF BRITISH MINERS.

GOVERNMENT SUBSCRIPTION TO MAYORS' FUND.

CENT. PER CENTUM.

London, Dec. 17.

Government proposals for mitigating the distress in the mining areas were outlined by Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Prime Minister, in reply to a question by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, the Labour leader, in the House of Commons.

Mr. Baldwin said the Government proposed to ask Parliament to authorise certain special measures to deal with the present emergency, though it was important that these measures should be considered in relation to the policy which the Government had already initiated and were resolved to pursue.

Apart altogether from the heavy cost of normal social services, including unemployment, insurance, school medical services, and maternity and child welfare, and in addition to the proposals for the relief of industry from local taxation, special provisions made

HANKOW CLUB LIQUOR STOCKS.

Objection to Search by the Wine Bureau.

POLICE PREVENT INTRUSION

A naval wireless message received in Hongkong to-day states that on Sunday the Hankow Wine Bureau demanded to inspect the stocks held by the Hankow Club. The officials of the Bureau were informed that the premises of the Club could not be entered without a warrant.

The action in demanding to inspect the stocks is in direct opposition to the ruling of Nanking.

Police of No. 3 Special Administration District are now guarding the Club against intrusion by officials of the Bureau.

for the assistance of the unemployed generally during the current financial year already amounted to £1,700,000 over and above the Budget estimates.

There would be an immediate special vote of £100,000 to assist distressed families.

The Government would then ask Parliament to authorise the grant to the Lord Mayors' Fund of £1 for every £1 received in voluntary subscriptions, and to pay £150,000 on the account immediately as the equivalent of money already subscribed to the Fund.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

U.S. SENATE DEBATES PROHIBITION.

BIG APPROPRIATION TURNED DOWN.

Washington, Dec. 17.

The Senate, on the second reading, eliminated an amendment increasing the Treasury Department's appropriation for Prohibition enforcement from \$20,000,000 to \$270,000,000.

The amendment was submitted by the anti-Prohibitionist Senator, Mr. Bruce, merely in order to start a debate on Prohibition and was read a first time without opposition because the Senate was anxious to proceed with other business.—*Reuter's American Service.*

FORMER WAR SECRETARY.

Chicago, Dec. 13.

Jacob McGavock Dickinson, Secretary of War under President Taft, died here to-day after an illness of several weeks. He was 77 years old.

Monte Video, Dec. 17.

The United States Minister has given a banquet in honour of Mr. Hoover.—*Reuter's American Service.*

KING HAS SUDDEN SET-BACK.

LOSES GROUND GAINED RECENTLY.

RAY THERAPY TREATMENT CONTINUED.

GLOOMY BULLETIN.

London, Dec. 17.

After three successive bulletins regarding His Majesty have struck a hopeful note, the King has had a sudden set-back and at 8.15 p.m. to-night, the following bulletin was issued from Buckingham Palace:

"The King has this afternoon been somewhat restless and the progress recently noted has not been continued during the last few hours. (Signed) Stanley Hewitt, Hugh Rigby, Dawson of Penn."

It is evident, says Reuter, that the King to-day has lost some of the ground gained during the preceding thirty-six hours, though it is hoped that the set-back is merely temporary.

Although slight improvements have been noted in the previous bulletins, it is known that the improvement has never been marked, and it cannot be said that real and steady progress has been made.

Ray Therapy Treatment.

Ray therapy treatment was again carried out to-night by Dr. Woods and Dr. Rowitt, who were at the Palace for about half an hour this evening.

The much more hopeful note struck earlier in the day has now to be taken in conjunction with the later bulletin. It was, for instance, stressed that following reports of slight improvement, the doctors at 3.15 p.m. to-day were able to state officially that this was continued.

The natural sleep obtained during last night was also emphasised as a most important feature, since it was taken to mean that His Majesty had hitherto been taking sedatives.

Prince Hopeful.

This view was confirmed by the Lord Mayor of London in a speech at the Mansion House, saying: "I saw the Prince of Wales this morning and he said he was very pleased that the last two reports were so much more favourable and that for two nights the King had had sleep without having any sleeping draught."

The Lord Mayor added that the Prince of Wales seemed very much more hopeful that more favourable bulletins might be issued in a day or two.

Natural sleep, it was pointed out, goes far in building up the strength of a patient, and the tendency towards improvement seemed to indicate that the heart must be a little stronger.

The new Ray Therapy or ultra-violet ray treatment which has been carried out has as its purpose the reinforcement of the patient's strength through the heart to resist the exhausting effects of general infection or blood poisoning.

Something of a Shock.

It was considered that the natural sleep was induced by the new Ray Therapy treatment, and it is now believed that it was the first time His Majesty had gained natural sleep since his illness became serious.

This naturally gave rise to increased hopefulness, and to-night's bulletin has come as something of a shock.

The New Year's Honours List has been postponed on account of the King's illness.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

London, Dec. 18.

Last night's bulletin bears out the warnings which have been repeatedly given by those in close touch with the King's condition, that optimism must be guarded and restrained.

Anxiety has never been absent during the past few days, and though last night's report has not unduly increased that anxiety, it nevertheless continues.

It is hardly to be expected, however, that progress will be uninterrupted, and too much discouragement should not be felt when the improvement ceases for a few hours.—*Reuter.*



Mr. A. E. Stewart speaking at the presentation of prizes ceremony after the International walking race in Shanghai. A Chinese competitor brought off a surprise by gaining first place. The prizes were handed to winners by Mrs. A. E. Stewart who was afterwards presented with a handsome bouquet. Picture shows a number of the participants, the members of the winning Chinese team being seated along the third row from the bottom.



Mr. Harrold Smith, American detective, who faces a murder charge.



Dr. Vicente Colindres, new president of Honduras.



Mr. W. J. Young, who walked for Ireland and occupied second place in the International Walking Race in Shanghai. He was the first foreigner to complete the course, and was beaten only after he had led the field for over eight miles.



The Majestic Hotel Shanghai was the scene of a very pretty wedding recently when Miss Chang May-chiu and Mr. Richard Tao Han-pan were united in marriage. The photograph was taken shortly after the wedding ceremony.



Above are shown four snapshots taken at the Hungjao Golf Course, Shanghai, recently, on the occasion of the International Golf Match between St. George's Society and St. Andrew's Society. Top left, Dr. J. R. Marshall; Top right, Messrs. C. Harpur and A. Gray. Bottom left, Messrs. F. W. Foster and M. F. Nazer. Bottom right, Dr. J. E. Murray.



At Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai recently, Mr. Neville Trueman, son of Lt. Colonel and Mrs. Trueman of Shanghai, and Miss Phyllis Wilkinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Wilkinson of Wickford, Essex, were married. In the front row, left to right, are: Miss Hazel Fowler, bridesmaid, the bridegroom, the bride and Miss Peggy Sayle. Middle row: Mrs. W. C. Bond, Lt. Col. Trueman, Mrs. Trueman, and Mr. T. H. Harris, who gave the bride away. At top: Mr. A. Grant, Mr. W. C. Bond, Mr. B. W. Fowler, Mrs. Dambarton, Mrs. F. W. Fowler, Mr. G. F. Dumbarton and Mr. T. Sayle.

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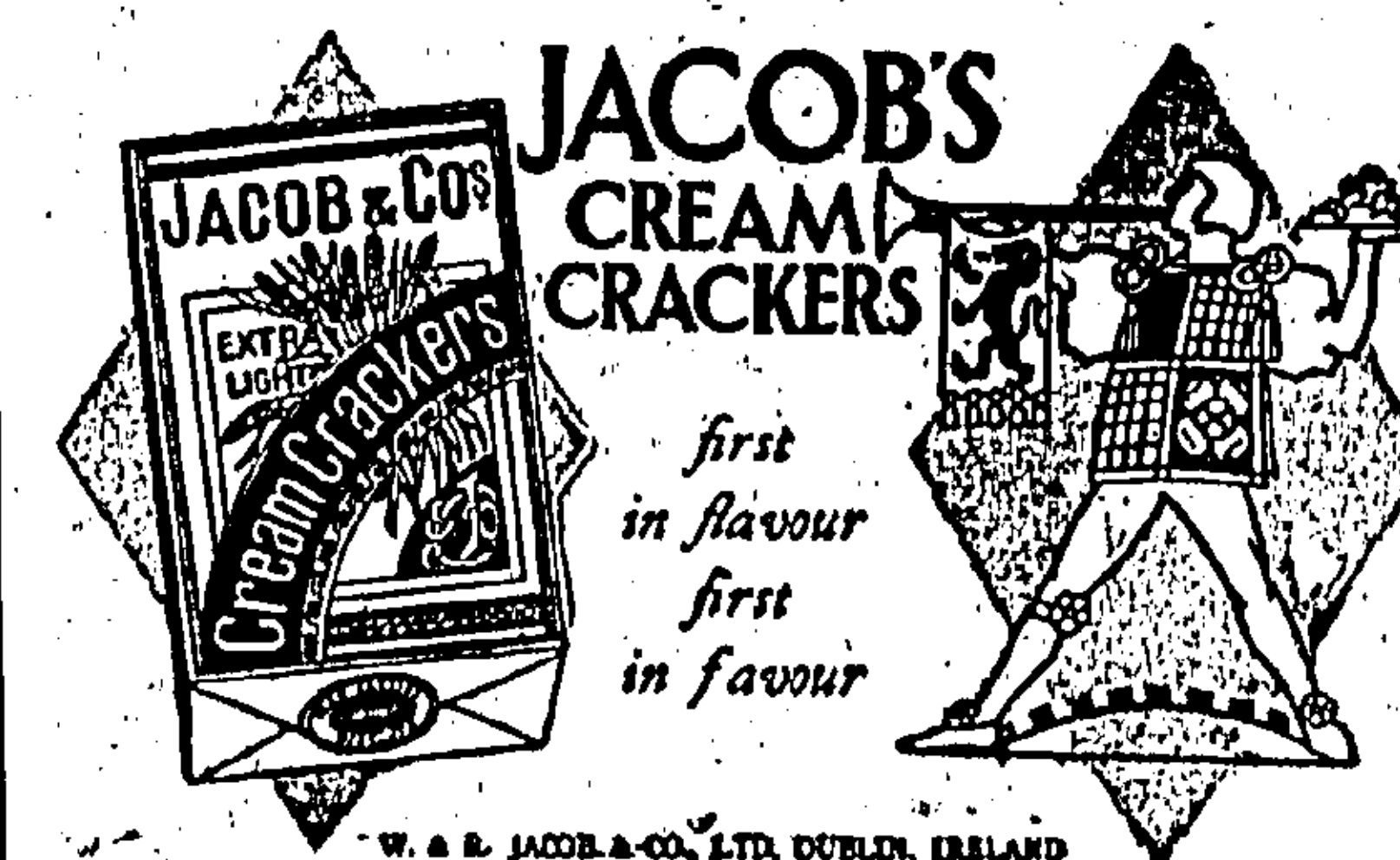
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Hongkong, 15th December, 1928.

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Shanghai, Dec. 17. Mr. John Langford Smith, lately British Consul at Chefoo, who was recently transferred to Amoy, is reported missing. He joined the steamer Ninghai at Shanghai on Thursday to take up his post at Amoy. The Captain of the ship has now sent a wireless message stating that he is not on board.

Possibility of Suicide.

Amoy, Dec. 17. At an enquiry held on the arrival of the Ninghai it was stated that Mr. Langford Smith was last seen at ten o'clock on the night of December 13, going to his cabin. His absence was discovered the following morning. Mr. Smith left letters from which it is believed he intended to commit suicide.—*Reuter*.

[Mr. Smith became a student interpreter in 1897 and in 1900 was acting Consul-General in Tientsin. He received the China medal with Relief of Peking clasp. Subsequently he served at Hanchow, Shanghai, Chengtu, Chungking, Tengyuek, Tainan, Hanchow, Ichang, Kiukiang and Chefoo. He is 51 years of age.]

Major W. K. Campbell and Surgeon Lieut. Davis will be the judges in the Ho Fook competition of the Kowloon Railway Division of the St. John Ambulance Association to be held on the Kowloon Football Club ground on Thursday afternoon.

London, Dec. 17. To-day is the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first flight in a power-driven aeroplane, and the event will be celebrated to-night at a special dinner.—*British Wireless*.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

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It is notified for general information that dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Date
Straita	Gazana	December 18.
Salon	Athos II	December 18.
Swatow	van Houten	December 19.
Australia and Manila	Aki Maru	December 20.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	December 20.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pros Jackson	December 21.
Europe via Suez (letters and parcels)		
London 22nd and parcels, 18th November	Kalyan	December 23.
Straita	Hakone Maru	December 23.
Swatow	Sulung	December 24.
Japan and Shanghai	Kashima Maru	December 28.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date and Time.
Sain Shui and Wuchow	Tai Ming	Tues, Dec. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Manila	Pros. Pierce	Tues, Dec. 18, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Athos II	Tues, Dec. 18, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Athos II	Tues, Dec. 18, 6 p.m.
Hoihow Pakhoi and Haiphong	Chusan	Wed, Dec. 19, 8.30 a.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Sado Maru	Wed, Dec. 19, Registration 8.45 a.m. Letters 9.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island 31st Dec.)
Hoihow and Bangkok	Chinhua	Mon, Dec. 19, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Hupei	Wed, Dec. 19, 1.30 p.m.
Manila, and Java via Sourabaya	Tjileboet	Wed, Dec. 19, 2.30 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Menado Maru	Thurs, Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Song Bo	Thurs, Dec. 20, 8.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Hinsang	Thurs, Dec. 20, 1.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Ninghai	Thurs, Dec. 20, 1.30 p.m.
Straita	Gladius	Thurs, Dec. 20, 2.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs, Dec. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Aki Maru	Fri, Dec. 21, 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hsiangyang	Fri, Dec. 21, 1 p.m.
Amoy	Hukiang	Fri, Dec. 21, 1.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Asia	Fri, Dec. 21, 3.30 p.m.
Straita, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles	Naldora	Sat, Dec. 22, K. P. O. Registration 4.30 p.m. Letters 22, 9 a.m. (Due Marseilles, 18th Jan. 1929.)
Wei Hai Wei	Hulchow	Sat, Dec. 22, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Pros. Jackson	Sat, Dec. 22, 4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Dainy and Europe via Siberia	Yingchow	Sat, Dec. 22, 6 p.m.
Hoihow	Kwangtung	Sun, Dec. 23, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kaying	Sun, Dec. 23, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun, Dec. 23, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Hakone Maru	Mon, Dec. 24, 10.30 a.m.
Straita, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hector	Mon, Dec. 24, K. P. O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 27th Jan. 1929.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Wed, Dec. 26, 9 a.m.
Straita, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Kashima Maru	Fri, Dec. 29, K. P. O. Registration 2.30 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 27th Jan. 1929.)
Mombasa, Lourenco-Marques and South Africa via Singapore	Kamakura Maru	Fri, Jan. 4, 5 p.m. *Correspondence -aring vessel's name only.

WIRELESS BROADCAST.

THE LOCAL PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY.

Broadcast by G.O.W. on 300 Metres. 5.30 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Demonstration Programme. 7.48 p.m. Evening Weather Report. 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Evening Programme (Victor & H.M.V. Records). 8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m. Evening Programme. "Grand Choeur in C Major." "Spring Song." "Pagliacci," Prologue. Peter Dawson. "L'Arlesienne" Prelude. Covent Garden Orchestra. "The Blue Mazurka" Vocal Gems. "The Desert Song" Vocal Gems. Light Opera Company. "L'Arlesienne" (a) Farandole (b) Adagio. Covent Garden Orchestra. "Oh Kay," Vocal Gems. The Revellers. "Honeymoon Lane" Vocal Gems. Light Opera Company. "Imperial March." "Canillene Nuptiale." Organ solo by Stanley Roper. "Bohemian Girl" Vocal Gems. Light Opera Company. "At Parting." "At Darning." Mary Garden. "Morning Meditation." "The Charm." Emilio De Gogorza. "Annie Laurie." "Long, Long Ago." Hulda Lashanska. "My Old Love." Tito Schipa. "Songs My Mother Taught Me." Rosa Ponselle. "Since First I Met Thee." Rosa Ponselle. "Oh Promise Me." "Love's Garden of Roses." Renee Chemet. "No Night There." "In The Garden." Marion Talley.

"Dance of the Gnomes," "Etude Tableau," Sergei Rachmaninoff. "Lucia Di Lammermoor," Mad Scene. Todi Dal Monte. 10 p.m. British Official Wireless Press. "Pomp and Circumstance," March. Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "Wine, Woman and Song," Waltz. "Southern Roses," Waltz. Chicago Symphony Orchestra. "Lucia Di Lammermoor," Silence. "O'er All." "Daughter of the Regiment," "Tis Time to Part. Todi Dal Monte. "Waltz in E Flat." "To My Beloved." Piano Solo by Harold Bauer. "My Old Kentucky Home." "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia." Rosa Ponselle. "Dance Macabre." Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra. God Save The King. Close Down.

On the ground that the pistol was found in a place accessible to many people, Mr. Horace Lo yesterday made a successful application to Major C. Willson for the discharge of the Manager of the Kwong Wo Cheong firm, who was charged with possession of the automatic pistol. The evidence showed that the pistol was found concealed in a room on the firm's premises, No. 303 Des Voeux Road Central, and that a certain law student had stored most of his belongings there. The Kwong Wo Cheong firm, it is learned, affords temporary residence to emigrants returning to China from the United States.

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- 9139 Organ Medley of Xmas Carols... Organ Solo.
- 9523 " " " " Hymns..... " "
- 9523 Organ Fantasia of Old Songs... " "
- 5083 Father Christmas at Home and
[His Workshop] Descriptive
- 5083 Christmas Eve (The Twins Hang
Up Their Stockings) " "

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FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Becoming Frocks.

DANCING DRESS DETAILS.

In theory it should be almost impossible to choose an unbecoming dancing frock at the moment. Nearly all the evening dresses which have been produced within the last few months suggest a capacity for graceful motion, even when you see them in repose.

There are, as there should be, a few exceptions.

There are dresses which are intended to be worn by women to whom dancing does not appeal; or to whom advanced maturity suggests less energetic evening occupations.

Actually, however, although the majority of evening dresses dance remarkably well, when reasonably well worn, quite a number of women persist in choosing lines which do not agree with their individual types and habits of movement.

Depends on the Partner.

The success or failure of a dancing dress admittedly does not depend entirely on the taste of the woman who wears it.

The height of the man she is dancing with as compared with her own, his dancing skill, and particularly the way he holds his partner, have an extraordinary influence on the general effect she produces.

Those who wish to see the truth of this assertion for themselves can easily do so by using their eyes instead of their feet during a single dance wherever it may be. Having satisfied themselves in this way, women should be all the more careful to leave as little as possible to the chance of an unbecoming partner.

Be Your Type.

One of the most dangerous lines is the tightly swathed hip drape. This remains bearable in almost all circumstances on the exceedingly slender and well-proportioned woman, and it is often very lovely in repose. But on the woman of any age who is not so slender, it is frequently disastrous. One should also remember that its obviously Eastern origin is not always in perfect accord with the average English expression.

"Be your type!" is an admonition which the well-dressed woman never forgets.

Another line which should be carefully considered just now is the graduated waistline, fairly high in front and fairly low at the back. In itself this is a line which can work marvels for the indifferent

The Paradise Ensemble.

A scintillating Bird of Paradise struts its crystal and diamante chic across the shimmering beauty of the white satin gown of this new evening ensemble.

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The crepe satin gown hugs the figure snugly and has a unique method of achieving its longer back silhouette by a modernist step-down panel. The sharply pointed V neckline is new, too.

The black velvet coat, with its white fox collar, is white lined, with the crepe satin fashioning the turned-back cuffs. A small little turban of white satin, encrusted with crystals and diamante completes this lovely ensemble.



Artificial Flowers.

HOW TO CLEAN THEM.

Artificial flowers are so beautifully made now that they are very effective while they are fresh, but unfortunately they pick up the dust rather easily, and owing to the delicate fashioning of both the leaves and petals, one is rather at a loss sometimes to know how to clean them without damaging them in any way.

A very good method is to get a good-sized camel's hair brush and use this to brush each petal with, for the brush being soft and light, it can get right into the tiny crevices. It is almost impossible to do this in any other way without breaking them.

Flowers done with a brush like this every week will keep delightfully fresh looking, and also last quite a long time.

figure, and enhance the figure that is naturally good; but if it has not been carefully handled and placed, it dances atrociously.

The reason for this is easily understood.

Many modern dancing steps are noticeably long; and if the waistline of a frock is too low at the back for the build of its wearer, she looks, when she is taking a long step, as if her legs were not nearly long enough.

A full-length mirror and a capacity for facing the facts about one's figure are therefore extremely important if the dresses in which one proposes to dance are to be all that they should be.

Fashion Notes.

BRIGHTNESS IN CLOTHES.

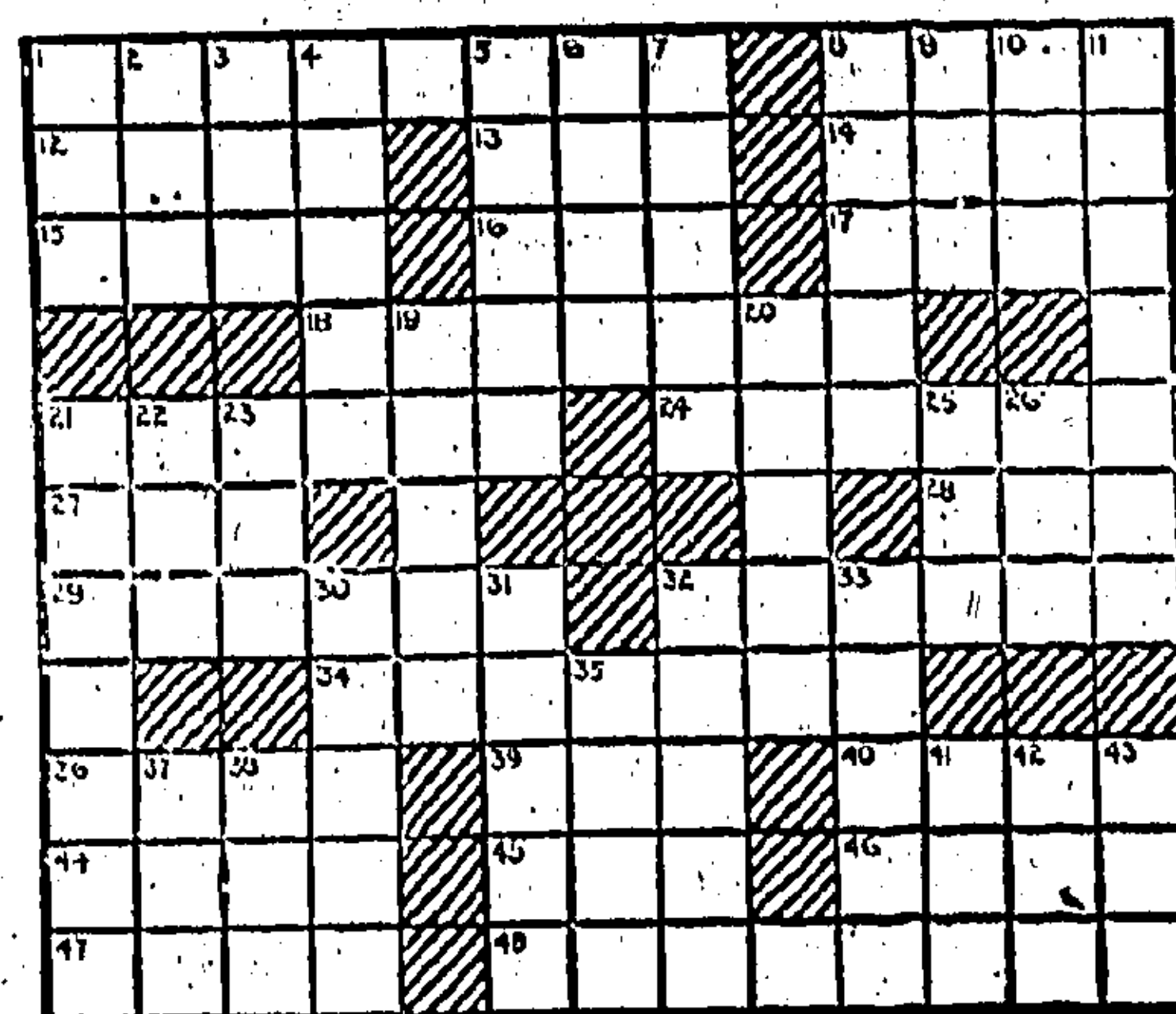
Most people hate heavy trimmings, fussy draperies, solemn, important, and portentous clothes. They affect the mind as unpleasantly as dull reading, and make the body feel as if it had been fed on pudding for a year.

Such clothes are not seen much nowadays, but nevertheless some people do make clothes err on the side of dullness. If a designer is in a dull mood or has no sense of humour, the clothes he or she makes reflect his or her mood. In a contrary sense, this theory works happily, and most of the new Paris clothes are just the reverse of dull. They are young, simple, bright, amazingly well-bred and well-mannered. They smile at you, they really do, and no matter what your age, you feel you would like to have some of them just to put on for your own pleasure.

Simple Evening Wear. A novelty is a little printed mousseline-de-soie frock for simple evening wear. "V" shaped in the neck, not very low, no sleeves, straight bodices, closely draped hips, floating panels, skirts over the knees—they are the brightest little frocks imaginable. And as a matter of fact, they are taking like the traditional "hot cakes."

Little lace and lawn ruffles and collars and cuffs give charm to many morning and afternoon blouses and dresses. The "V" is much used as a neck opening, shallow for day, deep at the back for evening. It is also the form most in favour for incrustations. It gives aliveness, and breaks heavy lines.

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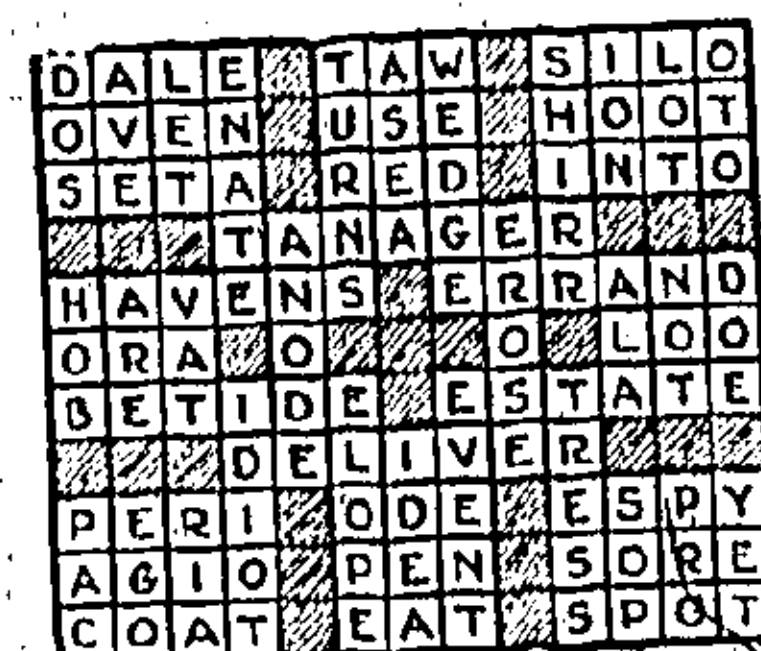
- 1 The food of the gods.
- 8 Venerable.
- 12 A dandy.
- 13 Portion of a circle.
- 14 Talented.
- 15 Social insect.
- 16 Cooking utensil.
- 17 Gladly.
- 18 Distinguished.
- 21 Resolved a sentence into its parts.
- 24 Part of a churn which agitates.
- 27 Silkworm.
- 28 Native metal.
- 29 One of two transformers forming a "T" connexion.
- 32 White crystalline substance.
- 34 Overture.
- 36 The back of the neck.
- 39 Not speaking.
- 40 Produces as a clear profit.
- 44 Image.
- 45 Wrath.
- 46 Hedgepodge.
- 47 Entrance.
- 48 Spiral plant shoots.

Vertical

- 1 Striped camel's hair cloth.
- 2 Males.
- 3 Bird of a night.
- 4 Artifices.
- 5 Possessing flavour.
- 6 Metal.
- 7 Performed.
- 8 Stops.

- 9 Kimono cash.
- 10 Boer.
- 11 Umphre.
- 19 Rhythm.
- 20 Titled.
- 21 Flower.
- 22 Part of most common verb.
- 23 Inlet.
- 26 Garden tool.
- 27 Sea eagle.
- 30 Separated a word into its parts.
- 31 To send as money in payment.
- 32 The first stomach of a cow.
- 35 Type of masculine voice.
- 36 To entice.
- 37 Stir.
- 38 Taro paste.
- 41 Prophet who trained Samuel.
- 42 Sesame plant.
- 43 Call for help at sea.

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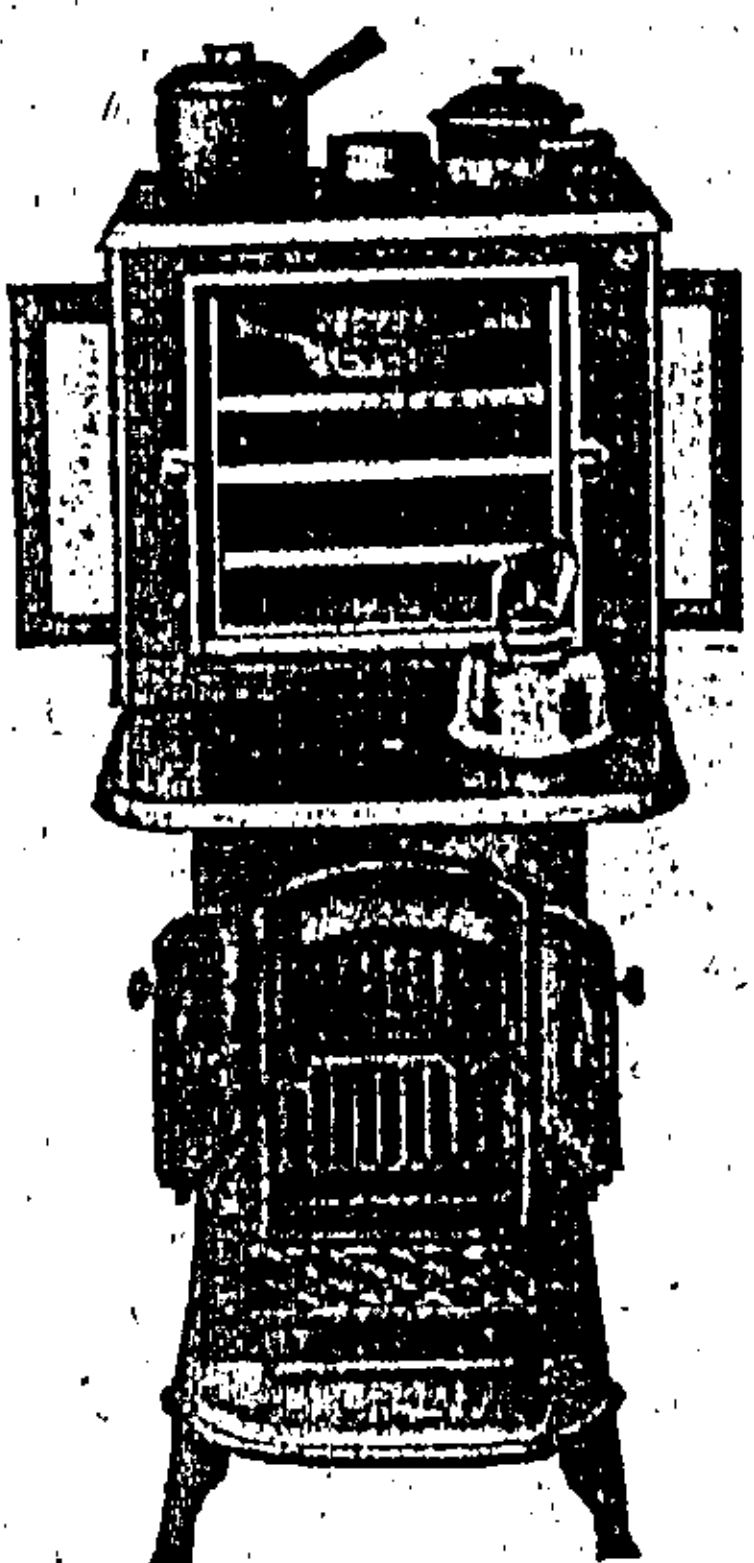
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TUESDAY, DEC. 18 1928

WAR CLOUDS.

League of Nations Covenant and Kellogg Pact notwithstanding, there would appear at the moment to be all the makings of a serious conflict in South America between the Republics of Bolivia and Paraguay. There has long persisted between these two countries a dispute regarding frontier rights, and matters have come to a head during the past week by clashes between the rival military forces, the immediate cause of the trouble apparently being a quarrel as to the ownership of the big tract of fertile country known as El Chacho. Like most of the South American Republics, both Bolivia and Paraguay have in times past known what warfare and revolution are. In 1864, Paraguay had a dispute with Brazil which resulted in a war lasting five years. In that sanguinary struggle, Brazil had the assistance of the Argentine and Uruguay, and the final upshot was the complete defeat of Paraguay, with enormous losses. About fifteen years later, Bolivia became entangled in a war with Chile, suffering defeat and losing one of her coastal provinces. There has, however, been no actual war between the two nations now at variance, although the frontier issue has long been a source of friction.

At the moment, we are not concerned with the question of laying the blame on either party for the regrettable occurrences which have marked the past few days. That is an issue which can well remain over until it is possible for the origin of the trouble to be impartially investigated. The outstanding fact is that here we have at each other's throats two nations which, as signatories to the League of Nations Covenant, have pledged themselves to refer any serious dispute to arbitration or enquiry and not to declare war until three months after the award has been promulgated. One of them, also, if not both, have subscribed to the principles of the Kellogg Pact renouncing war as an instrument of national policy. Of course, both would probably declare that the present clash does not betoken any departure from those principles, by the simple process of arguing that such operations as have taken place are merely in self-defence. And it is precisely on this point that critics of the Pact have feared its ineffectiveness in face of heated na-

tional feeling. Even the League of Nations would appear to be willing to consider the present outbreak as coming within the category of self-defence, for the Council's Note to the countries involved stresses the importance of carefully limiting "the self-defence measures." In such a manner that they should not be interpreted as aggressive. This attitude hardly appeals to us, for obviously one or the other must have been the aggressor, else actual fighting could never have broken out.

The point we have to keep in mind is that both Bolivia and Paraguay are members of the League and, as such, have solemnly sworn to submit to arbitration any dispute likely to lead to a rupture. This pledge they have not respected. So far, actual war has not been declared. Had it been, the defaulting nation would have automatically been placed in a state of outlawry with all other States who are members of the League, which would subject the aggressor to the severance of all intercourse. Moreover, in such a case the Council of the League would be required to recommend to the member nations what effective force shall be used to deal with the situation. Therefore, if matters are not soon adjusted, the League of Nations may find itself faced with the biggest problem yet to come before it. The possibilities are full of gravity. Meanwhile, the lesson of what is happening in South America would appear to be that written pledges are of small avail unless backed up by the right spirit and sentiment of those who sign them.

China's Calendar.

The latest step in the westernisation of China, proposed by that very select body, the Central Headquarters of the Kuomintang Party, is the adoption of the Gregorian or solar calendar, a suggestion which can be classified among the wise movements begun in Nanking. While its use in the transaction of official business has become the vogue for many years, little progress has been made among the conservative multitude, and generally, the mixture of the two systems has given rise to much confusion. An elaborate programme has now been drawn up for the celebration of the foreign New Year's Day, the object being to encourage the observance of the solar calendar. The celebration is likely to prove an extremely popular measure, since it involves yet another general holiday, and an opportunity for mass demonstrations. The snag lies in the fact that Chinese New Year will undoubtedly be observed with all the ceremonies and general holidays of old, and the value of the celebration will be negligible. It must puzzle a foreigner now to the East to discover upon what calendar basis, if we may put it that way, the Chinese as a whole do work. For instance, the Double Tenth anniversary of the establishment of the Chinese Republic is not the tenth day of the tenth moon as they might suppose, but the tenth of October. The Double Seventh, the Chinese Maiden's Day, when unwedded young ladies perform ancient rites in honour of the seven virgin sisters, is not July 7th, but the seventh day of the seventh moon which may fall any time between August and October. Such instances are too numerous to be mentioned, but two such illustrations will serve to indicate the chaos at present existing. The Central Kuomintang, however, is going the wrong way to work by merely ordering another holiday, which are already so many that we wonder their significance is not entirely lost.

Remarking that the Star Ferry Pier was the last place where hawkers should be allowed to cause obstructions, Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning fined a hawker \$4, double the ordinary fine for obstructions.

A naval wireless message received to-day states that three leaders of the a.s. Shansi piracy gang were tried and executed at Hankow on Saturday, this concluding the trial and punishment of the offenders.

This morning's Harbour Office Reports gave 15 arrivals and 18 departures. British holding top place with four and seven respectively, leaving 60 vessels in port, British 28.

THE CHRISTMAS BAZAAR.

[By W. Pett Ridge.]

The aspect of folk as they left after morning services made it clear that they had received what is technically called a "dressing down." None showed this more plainly than Ella and Milly and Barbara Crediton: from their looks you would have assumed the reproaches delivered by the minister had been aimed exclusively at them. At the door of the house in Graham Road where they occupied rooms, a letter fell from the box as they entered. Clearly it had rested there through the Saturday night.

"It's from Cousin Frank," announced Ella, "dated somewhere in Cambridgeshire. He is coming to town to-morrow, and he thinks of calling on us."

"That," said Barbara, "has undoubtedly put the lid on it!" Silence reigned once more. Half-way through the mid-day meal, powers of speech returned. Milly remarked that whilst they had taken the charge of one stall at the Oriental Mart—to be held (in good time) on the next Monday of November—others were also concerned, and the brunt of the grim anticipations of failure offered from the pulpit together with the lack of enthusiasm, had to be divided amongst all who had guaranteed to help. Milly argued that no means existed for compelling members of the public to buy the half-crown entrance tickets if members of the public resolved not to do so.

"The charge was fixed too high," argued Barbara. "Stands to reason that folk are not going to pay to come in when there is the certainty of being rooked."

"Cousin Frank ought to purchase one," said Milly.

"Cousin Frank," remarked Ella, "will bring the scent of stables across the footlights."

"He is not likely to want to go to the affair."

"Unless," said the eldest sister, "he has greatly changed since he was a boy."

They did not discuss the matter further because, so soon as the table was cleared, blinds had to be partially drawn in order that a dress rehearsal might take place. The three brought out the Eastern costumes they had made, and tried them on, and walked about in them. The change from ordinary garb was so startling that more than once, in descending from the chair which allowed inspection in the mirror, the young women said, disturbedly:

"It makes us look so theatrical!" "Bare arms never did suit me."

"Hope it won't be cold in the hall."

They were trying to believe that the dresses were not too adventurous when the bell rang. By gesture the three gave a warning that no notice was to be taken. A tap at the door of the room was followed by a shrill-voiced announcement from the little girl whose parents lived on the ground floor.

"A gentleman who says he's a relation."

Cousin Frank entered, amid a chorus of protest. Ella Crediton going forward, exclaimed:

"Why, you haven't grown a bit since I saw you last!"

The shortness of the visitor appeared to console the young women and, as he explained that the opportunity of making the journey in the governor's car had induced him to take the trip earlier than projected, they found coats and, with these on, regained traces of self-possession. The eldest offered excuses.

"I reckon," he declared, "that you all look uncommonly nice—especially you." He nodded to Barbara.

"I'm not used to fancy costume," she said, modestly.

They could scarcely refrain from showing cordiality when, on the difficulty in regard to the sale of tickets, being mentioned, he laid a round note on the table and asked to be supplied with eight. This done, the vivacity of the young women became so pronounced that he had no need for words—and, in truth, he uttered few during tea and until the moment selected for his departure.

"Was going to ask you all to have a bit of lunch with me to-morrow," he said, "but if you're encumbered that's scratched."

"A pity," they agreed, "but can't be helped."

"You still work at home, I suppose?"

"Children's frocks mainly," answered Ella.

"Not much in my line," he said, gazing at his cap. "I'm what is called a bachelor."

"You never know your luck!" said Barbara, daintily.

He appeared to search for a re-partee to this, but want of success forced him to say "Well, good-bye all" and with this he left. Alone, the young women took off coats with a sigh of relief, and discussed the incident. It was thought that Barbara's last remark savoured of forwardness. Milly blamed herself for not ascertaining by a

DAY BY DAY.

MEN ARE SO NECESSARILY FOOLS THAT IT WOULD BE BEING A FOOL IN A HIGHER STRAIN OF FOLLY, NOT TO BE A FOOL.—Pascal.

The Hongkong Benevolent Society acknowledges with thanks a donation of \$50, through Mr. Leo D'Almada e Castro, from Miss Sybil Joseph.

A radiogram received in Manila from the s.s. Yusho Maru, Japanese tug boat which went to the rescue of the stranded s.s. Saka Maru, off the coast of east Masbate, states that she has arrived at Cebu after successfully refloating the Saka Maru.

Amongst the passengers who arrived by the Blue Funnel s.s. Aeneas yesterday were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cornell, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. N. Tinson, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Steel, Mrs. A. Dykes, Major R. C. A. Glunice, R.M., Mr. W. C. T. Hammond, O.B.E., and Mr. L. M. S. Lloyd.

Much curiosity has been aroused by the erection of a brick structure on the pavement in front of the Asiatic Petroleum Building in Queen's Road. Enquiries show that it is needed in connexion with the transfer of the telephone service to the automatic system and that when this is completed the structure will be removed.

At the Summary Court yesterday afternoon, Mr. Justice Jacks gave judgment for the defendant with costs in the case in which Lau Ming-har sued Tain Kam-fui for a sum of \$190 and \$44.60 interest on a Chinese borrowing note. His Lordship criticised the plaintiff for using the term "Ming-har" on the note, saying he was convinced that this was not his name.

A very pretty wedding is taking place at 4.30 p.m. to-day, at St. John's Cathedral, when Miss Margaret Elise Bird, daughter of Lieut.-Col. and Mrs. L. G. Bird, will be married to Lieut. K. Wiles Beard. The bride is to be given away by her father, Lieut. C. G. Troncham is to be the "best man" and the bridesmaids will be Misses Reta Hazeland, Dorothea Bewley, Ellen Stubbings and Ellen de Biere. A reception is later to be held at the Volunteer Headquarters.

direct inquiry if Cousin Frank intended to guess his weight.

The Creditons were "twice" in regard to attendance at chapel, and that evening, before service, there came the opportunity to allude to the sale of tickets which had been effected. Someone else had disposed of three, and the glad news being conveyed to the minister, he, in his address, withdrew the censure uttered that morning. He now alluded to the members of his congregation as "faithful sheep."

All the same, the attendance on Monday afternoon, when Lady Thorpe made the formal opening, could not be reckoned good. The minister spoke of counter attractions, and Sir Walter Thorpe, in acknowledging a vote of thanks on behalf of his wife, regretted the lack of public spirit in the north of London. The party made a tour of the hall and went off, and stall-holders remained. In their Eastern garb they had an air of being excessively remote and lonely. All signs of eager anticipation vanished. The Crediton girls gazed at each other dolefully.

"Even Cousin Frank," said Barbara, "is going to keep away." Barbara was so often right that she could be excused for making this error. Cheering was heard outside, and Cousin Frank hurried in as one escaping from attack. The entire male strength of the helpers ran to the doorway, but alarm proved unnecessary—all they had to do was to assist at the pay-box in taking half-crowns. Within ten minutes the hall was filled with men, who went up and down, searching excitedly. Near the Crediton's stall Barbara and Cousin Frank were talking: her height overshadowed him.

"Here he is!" cried a voice. The crowd bore down in their direction. "Come on, one for Wednesday," and "It's our last chance before the season finishes!"

The short spare youth came to the front of the stall. A table was brought, and he clambered on it.

"Lads!" he said. Order was called for and obtained. "I'll make a bargain with you. You've all got money in your pockets. Each of you goes around and spends ten shillings on goods he fancies for the wife. After that I shall tell you something you may be interested to know concerning a horse for the Manchester meeting."

Two sisters only carry on the business now the third is married and lives at New-market. Ella and Milly are able to choose and select their customers' human nature being what human nature is—more especially at a time when a big race is near in which Cousin Frank is on a favoured horse.

The Very Idea!

An undergraduate magazine, says the *Daily Express*, laments the fact that the very expression "a young man from Oxford" now embodies something of a sneer. That is not quite true, but as an effort of self-criticism and self-realisation it is welcome. Many a man has felt, on leaving Oxford to enter a business or a profession, that he is at a disadvantage with his non-University contemporaries. While they were busily launching themselves on a career he has been in a world singularly distant from the realities he will be coping with the remainder of his days. Employers find it hard to place him in the right job. On their side, as on his, there is too great a readiness to regard him as a misfit. The Universities ought to be the training ground for leaders in all spheres of national life. If they are not, it is because they only partly succeed in combining practically with culture, ideas and the love of beauty with knowledge of the world and its affairs.

Several good stories are told of the late Sir Arthur Channon, who died recently at the age of 90. When he was on the Bench he had a mordant humour which would often discountenance witnesses.

I remember one man saying that he had been "wedded to truth since infancy." "How long have you been divorced?" asked Mr. Justice Channon.

On another occasion he said:—"Counsel always seem to think that a judge cannot understand anything unless you repeat it to him at least ten times. I can assure you that I nearly always understand at the second or third repetition."

It was at the seaside, and Sandy had just stretched himself on the beach when Mac came up.

"Will you come for a sail, Sandy?" he asked.

"No; I've just had a good dinner for five shillings, and I'm not takin' the risk."

What do poets write about?

Love—to put it quite precisely—

And they can, beyond all doubt, treat the subject very nicely, for they know it inside out.

What is every novel's theme?

Love—nor could there be a better.

Marriage as a perfect dream, Or a heavy, galling fetter, Still the subject is supreme.

What is it that drives the court Where the ill-matched seek divorce?

Love, you'll grant me, of a sort, But pursuing wayward courses—

Cupid's cheap idea of sport.

What inspires our scribes to fill Pages in the Sunday papers, Causing them much ink to spill, Telling of his whims and vapours?

Love, the same old subject still!

What can urge our planet, say, To a gyratory motion?

Love—and taking that away I have not the faintest notion Where the world would be to-day.

Solicitor, to a medical witness at Willesden: Will you give an imitation of what you describe as the prisoner's drunken speech?

Witness: I am here as a doctor. If I am to give a variety turn I should expect an extra fee.

Motorist at Bow County Court: It is only a policeman, who rarely rides in a car, who can tell you the exact speed you are travelling.

Clerk at Clerkenwell Police Court to man charged with drunkenness: Did a doctor see you?

Man: I don't know, Mr. Dum-mott, the magistrate: Perhaps you saw two doctors.

Wilkesden magistrate, to a man making a declaration: Can you say why you were not registered at birth?—No. I was not old enough to remember.

Biddy—"So mind yer don't get hurt, Pat, it's so dangerous working in that subway."

"Pat—That's all right, Biddy. Shure, O! borrowed toive shillin' from the foreman, an' he don't let me do any dangerous work now."

At the Marine Court this morning before Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., four junk masters were charged with making fast to s.s. Porthos while the vessel was under way and pleading guilty, were each fined \$10 with the usual alternative.

The annual regatta of the West River Flotilla was held at First Cliff yesterday, vessels present being H.M. Ship Tarantula, Cicada, Moth, Robin, Moorhen, Seaweed, Onslaught and Nessus. Results are not yet to hand.

'CAT' FOR AN ARMED ROBBER.**FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT IN ADDITION.****CHINESE WOUNDED.**

In sentencing Tse Lam-fuk, convicted of robbery to five years' hard labour and 20 strokes with the "cat," the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions today, told prisoner that it was an impudent robbery.

"I cannot prevent people taking part in robberies," said Sir Henry, "but when they are convicted I can make them realise that it is a very serious offence. As I have said on many occasions, when a robbed man is injured I shall always inflict flogging on his assailants."

The prisoner was found guilty by the jury of attacking a man named Ng Sang-hon, living at Kowloon Tong, while he was riding home in a ricksha in the early hours of November 12, and stealing various articles and \$38 in money.

Ricksha Overturned.

According to the prosecution, Ng Sang-hon left a Yumai hotel at 1.15 a.m. on the morning of November 12 and engaged a ricksha to take him to Kowloon Tong. After having proceeded along Edward Road as far as the railway bridge, which spans the road, four men were observed. After passing the ricksha they turned round and pulled it down from the back, overturning it and throwing complainant out. Two of the men were armed with knives.

The ricksha coolie ran away, was chased by one of the robbers but was not caught. The other three seized complainant and dragged him under a nearby lamp where he had a clear view of his assailants. He recognised the prisoner as one of the men who seized him by the throat. After searching Ng Sang-hon, the robbers ran away and he proceeded home on foot. When he reached the gate of his house he found that his trousers were wet with blood and on investigating, found a wound in his buttock and another on his back. For these he was treated by a doctor.

Wounded During Struggle.

Giving evidence, complainant said he could not remember how he got the wounds and his Lordship pointed out that it was nothing unusual for a man to receive such wounds during a struggle and not know it at the time.

Complainant reported the matter to the police and on the morning of the 13th, the prisoner was arrested in Shanghai Street, with the pipe and silk handkerchief in his possession, both of which were identified by the plaintiff as his property.

In giving evidence of an identification parade, at which the complainant picked the prisoner out, Mr. L. H. C. Cuthbert, Assistant Superintendent of Police, Kowloon, stated that complainant pointed to prisoner. He could not swear whether the complainant actually touched the prisoner.

Rules Quite Clear.

His Lordship commented that the rules were perfectly clear, that to identify anybody a witness had to touch the person he was identifying. He commented that those rules should be observed more carefully.

On this point, the prisoner stated that complainant could see him when he was changing his clothes for the identification, but Inspector Fallon said that it was impossible, even if all the doors were open.

A police interpreter gave evidence that, when charged, the prisoner said "I have nothing to say."

Prisoner declined to give evidence on oath, but made a statement from the witness box claiming the pipe and handkerchief as his own. He claimed the pipe because of a certain mark on the stem, and the handkerchief because it was of a certain width, two spans of his fingers.

His Lordship summed up, and the jury retired for a few minutes after which a verdict of "Guilty" was recorded.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS.**H.M.S. KENT GOES SOUTH TO-MORROW.**

H.M.S. Kent, the flagship of the China Station, will sail from Hongkong for Sandakan to-morrow and will later visit Macassar, Sourabaya, Batavia, Labuan and Kudat before returning here.

The destroyers Somme and Seraph, which left Hongkong last week, have proceeded up the Yangtze from Shanghai.

H.M.S. Hermes has left Manila for Hongkong and is due here to-morrow afternoon. H.M.S. Bluebell is also due to reach here from Takau to-morrow.

It is expected that the transport Neoralia will reach Hongkong on Friday afternoon.

AFGHAN ROYALTY FLEES.**ARMY REPORTED IN OPEN REVOLT.**

New Delhi, Dec. 17.

The rebels are attacking Kabul. Serious fighting is proceeding and there is considerable anxiety.

New Delhi, Later.

It is reported from the frontier that King Amanullah and his Queen have taken refuge in the fort, the army having turned against them.

The rebels have captured two small forts, a number of rifles, and a quantity of ammunition in the vicinity of Kabul; while at Jalalabad the Shinwaris and Khugianis have ceased negotiations and taken the field, and have captured the outpost of Kaja, inflicting casualties on the regulars and irregulars.

There is considerable anxiety here with regard to the position at Kabul and safety of foreign representatives. A wireless message states the Legations are safe. The Turks and Russians are unpopular, as they are considered to be the promoters of the radical anticlerical and other reforms.—*Reuter.*

Absence of News.

London, Dec. 17.

The Afghan Legation in London has not received any news from Afghanistan. The Foreign Office also has not heard from Sir Francis Humphrys on the subject of the fighting in Kabul.

A New Delhi message says the disturbances in Kabul and Jalalabad are apparently separate affairs. No letters have been exchanged between Kabul and India for a month, but the telegraph is still working.—*Reuter.*

RECEPTION ON THE FULDA.**MODERN MOTOR SHIP PLEASES.**

A reception was held on board the motor vessel Fulda, of the North German Lloyd Line, at Kowloon Wharf last evening, there being a large attendance of guests, among whom were Herr Jipperich, German Consul, Dr. Pfister, Mr. C. M. Mannes, Mr. J. D. Lloyd and most of the German community in Hongkong.

Captain R. Arndt acted as host and dinner was served in the cabin saloon, the ship's orchestra providing music. Subsequent to dinner, dancing took place on the promenade deck, and the festivities, with all the accompaniments of crackers and carnival trimmings, continued until an early hour.

The decks, saloons and dining room were all gaily decorated and guests were invited to make a tour of inspection of the ship. The luxurious cabins, with the most modern fittings in the way of fans, electric lighters and heaters, and also the tasteful upholstery, elicited much praise.

In re-establishing the European service with such well-equipped vessels, the N. G. L. are making a bid for a share of the traffic which appears assured of success.

TROUSERS THRUST UPON HIM?**THIEF'S EXCUSE IN CASE AT KOWLOON.**

That a pair of trousers being dried outside No. 6, Station Street, Hunghom, were blown "on to his shoulders" whilst he was passing was the excuse advanced by a Chinese who was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistrate's this morning with larceny.

It was given in evidence that the defendant was seen to put the pair of trousers under his coat. He was chased by a constable and arrested.

The defendant denied the charge and said that he was passing the complainant's house when a sudden gust of wind blew the trousers on to his shoulders. A woman raised the alarm and he was arrested.

His Worship: "Apparently some people steal trousers and others have trousers thrust upon them."

Sentence of seven days' hard labour was imposed.

FINE TO CLOUDY.

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone is central near Nagasaki. Another has formed over North China. The Guam typhoon is stationary or filling up. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

HOTEL CAR DRIVER SPEEDING.**MR. T. A. WEALL PROSECUTES AN OFFENDER.****COLLISION AVOIDED.**

A fine of \$15 was imposed on a chauffeur employed by the Hongkong Hotel Garage, for reckless driving on Stubbs Road on December 1.

Mr. G. T. Weall, giving evidence for the prosecution, said he was driving up Stubbs Road in his car, going at eighteen miles per hour. "At the bend in the road immediately above Huntingdon, public car No. 41, a large seven seater Studebaker, with no passengers, came down the road at thirty miles per hour" said Mr. Weall.

There were some coolies carrying furniture on the road at the time and car No. 41 swung to the wrong side of the road to pass the coolies, giving witness only about three feet of the road. Witness said he applied both hand and foot.

About Hong Kong**Do you know that—**

Executions were carried out in public until as late as 1895?

In that year, the first private execution took place, within the Goal precincts, the only persons present, besides the Gaol Superintendent and staff, being the Hon. Mr. (later Sir) Francis Henry May, Captain Superintendent of Police, and representatives of the Press.

The case was one in which two Chinese were hanged for murder of a Sikh constable.

brakes and pulled his car up dead to avoid an accident. Defendant managed to swerve sufficiently to avoid a collision.

Among other cases taken by Major C. Wilson this morning, was one in which the police prosecuted a Chinese for driving a motor cycle combination at thirty seven miles per hour in Praya East on December 3. The offence was described as a bad one, as it occurred at 1.30 p.m. a time when Praya East was unusually crowded. A fine of \$15 was imposed. A third speedster, who drove at 30 miles per hour along Connaught Road and up Murray Road was fined a similar sum, the incident occurring at 6 p.m. on December 3. Sub-inspector Nicols of the traffic department gave chase and stopped the man.

ABSENT JURYMAN.**HEAVY FINE IMPOSED.**

Mr. Im Pak-hai, of C. E. Huygen, Pedder Building, was fined \$50 by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Mr. Im's name was called for service on the jury but there was no answer.

A search was made but he could not be found, after which his Lordship announced that the missing juror would be fined \$50 for non-attendance.



"I did ask him and he didn't hear me."

THE POLICE RESERVE.**ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.**

Hongkong Police Reserve Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police state:

Police Training School.

A class for Police Reservists will be held as usual on Tuesday, December 18th, at 6.00 p.m. On the same day at 5.30 p.m. sharp, instruction will be given in the handling and aiming of revolver.

Squad Drill.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies and of the Flying Squad will attend at Central for Squad Drill etc. on Thursday, December 20th, at 5.30 p.m. under Sergeant P. Condon. Dress—Mufil.

Chinese Company.

Signalling.—The Signalling Squad will attend at the Company's Headquarters for instruction in Morse and Semaphore under Mr. R. G. Wilson on Thursday, December 20th, and Friday, December 21st, at 6.00 p.m.

"First Aid to the Injured."—A class for instruction in First Aid is being organized to be held at the Company's Headquarters every Wednesday at 6.30 p.m., commencing January 9th, next. The lecturer will be Dr. T. P. Woo, M.B., Ch.B., Edin. Divisional Surgeon of the John's Ambulance Brigade (through the kind courtesy of Mr. A. Morris, Assistant Commissioner of the St. John's Ambulance Association). Any member of the Chinese Company who desires to join this class with a view to qualifying for the St. John's Ambulance Badge should hand his name to the Company Commander as soon as possible.

Indian Company.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, December 18th, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Flying Squad.

Strength.—Constable R319 Ng Chi Lu has been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad as from December 14th.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, December 18th. Fall in at the Tsim-tsa-lui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Winter Uniform.

The final instructional patrol of the month of the Hongkong Section will take place on Thursday, December 20th, and all members are requested to take part in this final patrol of the year. Fall in at Central at 5.15 p.m. Dress—Winter Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Joint Run with the Flying Squad.—All members of the Company who possess cars or motor cycles on the Hongkong side will assemble in the courtyard of the New Fire Station Building, on Thursday, December 20th, at 5.00 p.m. sharp with their machines. Uniform will be worn.

Parades and Classes.

All parades and instructional classes are suspended from December 21st, until after the Christmas and New Year Holidays. (Sgd.) D. L. KING, D.S.P. (R).

ANOTHER SETBACK FOR SOVIET.**MASSÉS INSIST ON XMAS CELEBRATIONS.****ANTI-RELIGIOUS PIQUE.**

Riga, Dec. 17.

The Soviet Government has received another decided setback in its efforts to break down ancient institutions in Russia, and the anti-religious organisations have had to report failure with regard to the Christmas festivities.

According to reliable information from Moscow, a conference of the anti-religious societies has decided to report to the Soviet that despite the steady flow of anti-religious propaganda in the schools, and homes the masses insist on celebrating Christmas with Christmas trees and presents.

The Conference also decided to ask the Soviet to prevent the co-operative societies and other shops from distributing their "obnoxious" Christmas wares, which they are selling in thousands.

If something is not soon done in this connection, the conference agreed, the efforts of the organisation to uproot old religious customs will be rendered futile.—*Reuter.*

CINEMA NOTES.**"WHY SAILORS GO WRONG."**

"Why Sailors Go Wrong," the splendid picture which was much enjoyed by local movie-fans when it was recently shown at the Queen's returns to that theatre to-day for a further screening. Sammy Cohen and Ted McNamara, the incomparable comedy team of "What Price Glory" and "The Gay Retreat" are "heroes" again, this time as a pair of taxi drivers who are shanghaied from a big city to a tropical island where lions, cannibal chiefs and dark skinned beauties turn things into a general uproar. Hilarious fun runs riot throughout the picture which has a well motivated lot with a number of cleverly devised "gags" and a thoroughly satisfying climax.

"Why Sailors Go Wrong" is undoubtedly one of the funniest pictures ever shown in Hongkong and those who have not already seen it should not miss this final opportunity.

"Across the Pacific."

"Across the Pacific" which is the chief attraction at the World Theatre to-day and to-morrow, is distinctly out of the usual run of motion pictures. It tells an absorbing story of the Secret Service in the Philippines during the Spanish-American war and presents Monte Blue, the hero, as a soldier who is entrusted with a mission and who encounters many adventures in his effort to ascertain the exact whereabouts of the opposing general. Spectacular battle scenes on plains and in the jungle swamps are among the highlights of the new picture.

An excellent supporting cast, each member of which gives a splendid performance, is provided and includes such well known names as Myrna Loy, Jane Winton, and Tom Wilson. The picture is full of fun and the fire of adventure together with a charming romance.

"Beau Geste."

"Beau Geste," the big film which will be screened at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow, is a British picture in more ways than one. The story, in the first place, has been adapted from a novel by a British author, Major Wren, and three of the principal characters are British—the brothers Michael, Digby, and John Geste. Moreover, several of the actors are British, notably the star, Ronald Colman, Victor McLaglan, Norman Trevor, and Ralph Forbes. The director of the picture, Herbert Brenon was born in Ireland. A part of the film is enacted in an English setting. The rest of the story takes place in a Sahara Desert fort held by the French Legion.

EXCHANGE RATES.

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Brussels	34.50
Geneva	25.18
Amsterdam	12.07 1/2
Milan	92.05
Berlin	20.855
Stockholm	18.14
Copenhagen	18.18
Oslø	18.10
Vienna	34.44
Prague	109 1/2
Helsingfors	102 1/2
Madrid	29.55
Lisbon	111
Athens	375
Bucharest	807 1/2
Rio	5.20/32
Buenos Aires	47 1/2
Bombay	1/8.1/32
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
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HERMES WIN IN MANILA.

SUCCEED IN RUGBY AND HOCKEY.

Before a large crowd at the Nomads field in Manila on the 12th inst., H.M.S. Hermes defeated the Nomads Club in a fast game of rugby football, the men from the naval vessel scoring 6 points to the local team's blank score.

Both teams played a fast game and brought the crowd to their toes repeatedly. The first half found the teams playing a great defensive game, no score being made during that period.

The first tally of the game came when five minutes after half time a clever punt ahead found several keen forwards backing up. Lieutenant John, scrambled over to score the try.

The scoring by the Hermes team gave added fight to the Nomads who, tried vainly to put over a score, but the visitors showed a robust and fast moving defence.

Towards the end of the game the Hermes team scored again, Lieutenant Commander Farrant being responsible for the try after some beautiful forward work, in which the ball was passed along the whole line.

Hockey Win.

In a fast and hard fought game on the following afternoon at the Nomads Field, the hockey team of H.M.S. Hermes downed the Nomads to the score of 4 goals to 0.

The game was featured by the scoring of the second goal. The ball was centred after a run down the left wing, and although coming awkwardly and breaking high to the inside, man, was swiftly balanced on his stick and, without a moment's hesitation, flashed into the net.

Immediately afterwards came the third goal, which virtually settled the issue. A smart piece of opportunism was responsible for this tally, for the ball seemed safely at the mercy of the local defence when a Hermes forward swooped down and planted it home. The final score was made after the Nomads had narrowly missed opening their account.

GOLF IN CANTON.

TUNG SHAN CHAMPIONSHIP.

A very exciting game was witnessed on Sunday afternoon when J. C. H. Bonbright defeated J. T. Smith by 1 up in the semi-final of the Tung Shan Championship over 18 holes on the course of the Tung-shan Recreation Club in Canton. The pair had been going absolutely level all through the game and were still level at the 17th when J. C. H. Bonbright holed out in 3 to J. T. Smith's 4 at the 18th.

In the first round J. Rodger obtained a walk-over from H. G. McNeary, who scratched; F. E. W. Lammert defeated A. J. Evans by 4 and 2; A. T. Lay defeated G. C. Kitching by 3 and 2; R. K. Batchelor defeated J. Walker by 5 up 4; J. T. Smith obtained a walk-over from B. B. Anthony, who scratched; C. E. Sandstrom defeated A. E. Quinn by 5 and 4; W. M. Stratton defeated C. E. Watson by 3 and 2; J. C. H. Bonbright defeated M. A. Annett by 8 and 6.

In the second round, J. Rodger defeated F. E. W. Lammert by 8 and 6; A. T. Lay defeated R. K. Batchelor by 2 and 1; J. T. Smith defeated C. E. Sandstrom by 2 up; J. C. H. Bonbright defeated W. M. Stratton by 6 and 4.

The other semi-final, between J. Rodger and A. T. Lay, will be played off during the present week and the final will take place over 36 holes on Sunday next.—Our Own Correspondent.

TENNIS MATCH.

A tennis match on Sunday between the Sanitary Department and the Royal Air Force, on the C.S.C.C. ground, resulted in a victory for the Sanitary Department by 16 games the scores being: Sanitary Department, 53; R.A.F., 43.

It is announced that the N.D.L. will shortly open a new line between Hongkong and New Guinea, to connect with the European service. A six week schedule will be maintained, the first vessel being the s.s. Bremerhaven, arriving in Hongkong at the end of January and sailing south in the early part of February.

TENNIS FINAL.

LADIES EVENT TO BE DECIDED ON THURSDAY.

The final of the ladies championship singles of the Colony will be played at the Ladies Recreation Club on Thursday, commencing at 3.30 p.m. The finalists are Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (holder) and Miss Enid Lo.

The results of the previous rounds were as follows:

First Round.—Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. Sayer, Miss Heard beat Mrs. Davenport Brown, Mrs. Grigor beat Mrs. Miles, Mrs. James beat Mrs. Linsman, Mrs. D. Smith beat Mrs. J. Howe, Mrs. Baker received a walk over from Mrs. Grove, Miss Lo beat Mrs. Gull, Mrs. Womack beat Miss B. Taylor.

Second Round.—Mrs. Tottenham beat Miss Heard, Mrs. James beat Mrs. Grigor, Mrs. Smith beat Mrs. Baker, Miss Lo beat Mrs. Womack. Semi-finals.—Mrs. Tottenham beat Mrs. James 6-0, 6-1; Miss Lo beat Mrs. Smith 10-8, 6-3.

SNOOKER CONTEST.

VERY CLOSE GAME TO DECIDE THIRD PRIZE.

The contest at the Palace Hotel last night to decide the winner of the third prize in the Snooker Championship, was remarkably close, both players—H. de Luz and P. Jones—scoring 155 in three frames. The former scored 46, 31, 78 and the latter 78, 62, 15.

The game was decided on the black, Jones defaulting and the match going to De Luz.

AMERICAN GOLF.

TOMMY ARMOUR WINS PRIZE AT SACRAMENTO.

New York, Dec. 17. Tommy Armour, of Washington, won the \$2,700 Sacramento open golf championship, with a score of 289 for seventy-two holes.

The Englishman, Harry Cotton, was third, with 295.—Reuter's American Service.

FANLING GOLF.

E. P. FLETCHER WINS THE BOGEY POOL.

There were 26 entries for the Bogey Pool at Fanling over the weekend. E. P. Fletcher won with a card of 3 up. Other scores were D. M. Goodall, 1 up; N. L. Smith, 3 down; A. Webster, 5 down.

LEAGUE CRICKET MATCH.

The following have been selected to represent the I.R.C. in the above match on Saturday 22nd. Inst. on the I.R.C. Ground at 2 p.m. sharp:—Sirdar Khan (Capt.), M. P. Madar, A. S. Sufiad, N. B. Kitchell, A. M. Rumjahn, J. M. A. Rumjahn, R. Nazarin, A. R. Sufiad, D. Mohamed, A. Butt, M. R. Abbas and Reserve:—F. M. Arculli.

The first number of the Blue-White Bull magazine, published under the auspices of the Club de Recreo, is to hand. In introducing their effort to its readers, the editorial staff state that their purpose is to afford some interest and humour in spare moments. This first number is quite an interesting one, and the promise is that future issues will be still more so.

GIANT RAG BY 1,000 UNDERGRADS.

REVOLT AGAINST STERNER RULES AT OXFORD.

Oxford, Nov. 21.

A midnight window-smashing raid at Clarendon-buildings by undergraduates in motor-cars, followed this morning by an elaborate hoax which involved close on 10,000 students, the fire brigade and many police, has given the University authorities here one of the biggest disciplinary problems they have had for years.

Trouble began just before midnight, when four or five motor-cars filled with undergraduates pulled up in Broad-street, near Clarendon Buildings, which are the University headquarters.

The occupants of the cars jumped out, ran to the pavement, and threw bottles filled with whitening through the windows.

Before the "bulldozers"—proctors' police—could intervene the raiders rushed back to their cars and drove off.

Number Plates Hidden.

Eye-witnesses state that the number plates of the cars were covered and that during the raid, in which about 20 students took part, head and side lamps were extinguished.

Twenty-seven panes of glass were smashed and considerable damage done to furniture and furnishings in the rooms. A valuable mahogany table was considerably damaged and a marble mantelpiece chipped.

The second episode in this drama, which was by way of protest against the numerous restrictions imposed recently on students, began this morning, when close upon 1,000 students gathered outside the Clarendon Building, armed with official notices summoning them to appear before the Proctor for an interview.

Apparently some one, by means yet unknown, was able to appropriate 500 of the official summons forms used by the Proctor, and these were sent to students at various colleges. They are stated to have been delivered by men dressed to look like "bulldozers."

Officials of the Proctor's office endeavoured to persuade the crowd of undergraduates besieging the building that there had been some mistake and denied all knowledge of the summonses.

For half an hour the crowd surrounded the building, stopping all traffic in Broad-street, and yelling "Down with the Proctors. Down with gown rule."

Policemen summoned to the spot dealt good-naturedly with the students, among whom "bulldozers" moved with paper and pencil taking down names.

At the height of the rag the Oxford fire brigade dashed up with a fire escape and tender, and firemen armed with extinguishers entered the building.

Their appearance was cheered by the students, and when they reappeared from the building and drove off there was a further outburst. The call was part of the hoax.

The fact that several non-professional members of the brigade lost pay every time they turned out to a fire apparently carried no weight with the undergraduates.

Proctor's Activity.

Both escapades are being treated with great severity by the University authorities both at the Proctor's office and at the Vice-Chancellor's residence.

It is known, however, that great activity prevails behind the scenes and that the authorities are determined to get to the bottom of the affair.

There is little doubt that the students' action is largely the result of the numerous restrictions imposed upon them recently, and particularly the revived rule that they must wear their gowns on almost all occasions.

The King has approved a recommendation of the Home Secretary that Mr. Charles Frederick Lowenthal, K.C., shall be appointed Recorder of Kingston-upon-Hull to succeed Mr. H. T. Kemp, K.C.

SHARE-PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1300 s.
Chartered Bank, £22 b.
Mercantile A. & B., £34 n.
P. and O. £91 n.
East Asiatic, £32½ b.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$675 s.
Union Ins., \$360 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$30 n.
China Underwriters, \$2.45 s.
China Fire, \$280 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$780 s.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$38½ n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$29 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$1.40 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$72½ b.
Shell Trans., 113/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$22½ b.

Mining.

Bonguots, \$2.50 n.
Kailans, 73/- b.
Langkats, Tls. 11 n.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 s.
Raubs, \$2 n.
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$135 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$371 b.
China Providents, \$5 s.
Hongkwa, Tls. 156 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 52 n.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 104 s.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13.40 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.40 s.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 65½ (old) b.
Landa, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.15 n.
H. K. Lands, \$647 s.
Shai Lands Tls. 160 b.
Humphreys, \$15 s.

Realities.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$19.85 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 s.
Star Ferries, \$691 b.

China Lights, (Old) \$12.25 s.
H. K. Electrics, \$527 b.
Macao Electrics, \$261 b.
Telephones \$7.30 X. Rights s.
China Buses, Tls. 107 n.
Singapore Tractions, 12/- n.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 90 b.
Malabons, \$221 b.
Canton Teas, \$3.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$9.50 s.
Ropes (Old) \$7.60 n.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$217 s.
Watsons, \$134 n.
Dor A. Wing, 80 b.
Lane Crawford, \$3.05 n.
Macintosh, \$20 n.
Sincors, \$9.50 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3.65 b.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$28½ s.
Constructions, \$1.50 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, \$67½.
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LITIGATION ENDS.

DISPUTE OVER FISHERMAN'S ALLEGED DEBT.

The considerable litigation which arose consequent upon a debt which was alleged to be due from a Taipo fisherman to a Taipo fish shop has been finally settled. Mr. Justice Jacks yesterday delivering a written judgment in which he found in favour of the fisherman with costs.

Originally the fisherman, Lee Wo-huen, brought a successful action for damages for wrongful imprisonment against Cheung Tai-kwai, Cheung Kang, the first named master of and the latter assistant at, the Wo Shing Hing Lung Fish Shop, Taipo, and Lai Shing, a detective at Taipo Police Station. He was then given judgment for \$500 damages. It was in the course of trying to collect the alleged debt that the action for damages arose.

Following this the fish shop brought an action in the Summary Court for the recovery of the debt, claiming \$588.17, being \$351.60 the balance due in respect of loans, which debt was assigned to the plaintiffs, and \$236.57 for money lent and goods sold and delivered.

Of this claim Lee Wo-huen admitted that he owed \$36.57 which money he paid into court, but denied the remainder.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones was for the plaintiffs and Mr. A. el Arculli defended.

The Claim.

Giving judgment, his Lordship said: The plaintiffs in this action claim the sum of \$588.17 from the defendant being (1) as to \$351.60 the balance due by the defendant in respect of loans made to him between the 14th day, 1st moon, Yuet Chau year, and the 16th day, 11th moon, Ting Mau year, by the Wo Shing Hing Lung Hop Kee, of Han On Street, Taipo, which debt was assigned to the plaintiffs by the Wo Shing Lung Hop Kee on the 16th day, 12th moon, Ting Mau year (8th January, 1928). (2) as to \$236.57 the balance due by the defendant to the plaintiffs in respect of money lent and goods sold and delivered.

The defendant denies the first part of this claim but has admitted the second part and has paid \$36.57 into court.

The plaintiffs base their claim for \$351.60 on an assignment dated the 16th day of the 12th moon, Ting Mau year, whereby some of the partners in the Wo Shing Hing Lung Hop Kee assigned the whole of their business, the amounts advanced to various ships both large and small, and book debts, signboards, the foundation fund of the Guilds, furniture inside and outside the shop, the whole concern in fact to Cheung Tai-kwai and Leung Che-kwai, who now carry on the business as the Wo Shing Hing Lung.

The Assignment.

This assignment was drawn up by the secretary of an institution which calls itself the Chamber of Commerce of Taipo. I do not know how this Society is constituted or what its local reputation is. Certain of its members appear to have taken the trouble to go through the books of the old firm and draw up a summary of debts and credits.

All this might give the transaction some weight amongst local traders but would not, of course, cure any legal defects.

The plaintiffs, as assignees, then proceeded to give notice of the transfer of the business to all the debtors of the firm of whom the defendant is alleged to be one. The plaintiffs have put in the books of the old firm as evidence of their claim.

The defence is, firstly, that the assignment of the business to the plaintiffs is not valid as all the partners in the old firm did not join in it to assign their interests. Secondly, that he, the defendant, received no notice of the assignment. Thirdly, that he did not owe any money to the old firm.

Partnership Question.

With regard to the first point, Tsang Tsap-wo, who was one of the managers of the vendor firm, admitted there were eight partners. Only four were described in the assignment as "Makers of this document for the transfer of the whole concern of the business." There is no evidence that the other four partners concurred, in fact one has given evidence to the effect that he knew nothing about it until four or five months after.

Section five of the Partnership Ordinance, No. 1 of 1897, provides that "Every partner is an agent of the firm and his other partners for the purpose of the business of the partnership; and the acts of every partner who does any act for carrying on in the usual way business of the kind carried on by the firm of which he is a member, bind the firm and his partners, unless the partner so acting has, in fact, no authority to act for the firm in the particular matter and the person with whom he is dealing."

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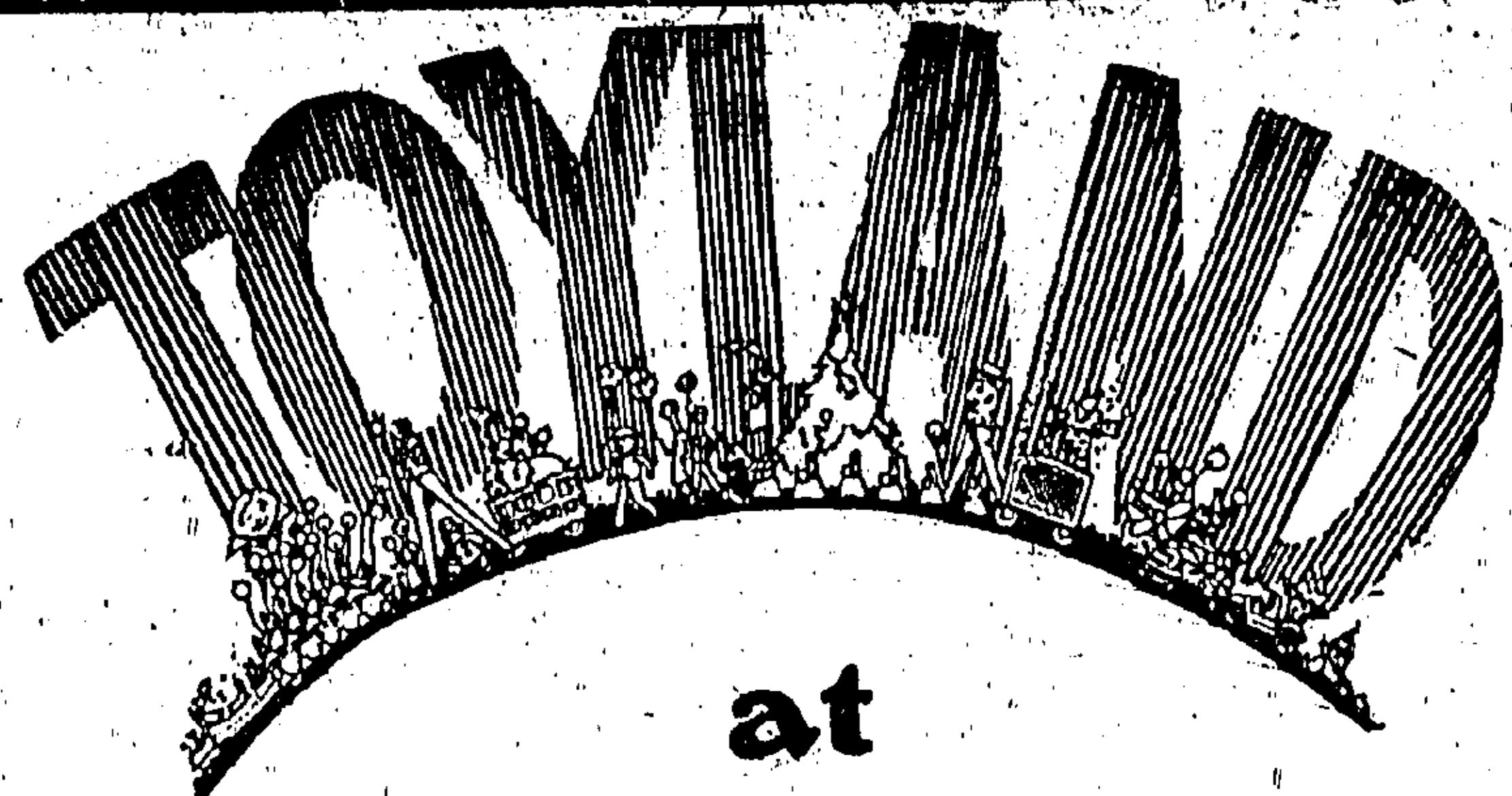
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LITIGATION ENDS.

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ing either knows that he has no authority or does not know or believe him to be a partner."

The powers of a partner in the ordinary business dealings of a firm vary according to the nature of that business. In some kinds of business, the powers are very much wider than in others, in some cases extending to the sale or mortgaging of the firm's property; but I can find no authority for laying down that any partner or partners have any power express or implied for disposing of the whole business of the partnership, lock stock and barrel, without the consent of the other partners.

Transfer Not Good.

There being no evidence before me that all the partners in the Wo Shing Hing Lung Hop Kee concurred in the transfer of the business to the plaintiff I am unable to hold that the transfer of the business is a good transfer.

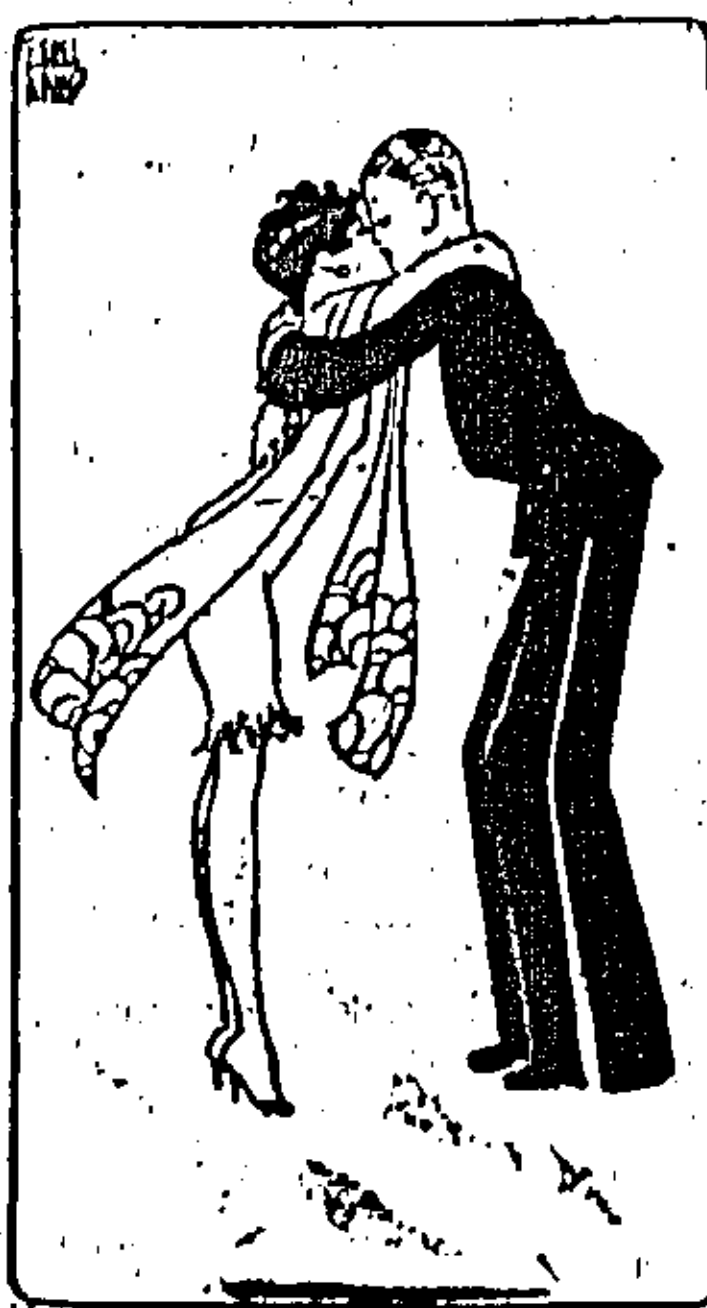
I now come to the second point, the notice to the debtors of the firm of the transfer of the business. The plaintiffs have called a messenger who stated that he delivered a notice to the defendant personally in the market. This the defendant denies. I see no more reason for believing the one rather than the other so that I cannot rule that the plaintiffs have proved this point.

Lastly the plaintiffs, in support of their claim, merely produce the books of the old firm, unsupported by any evidence as to when the entries were made, who made them and why they were made. Books are merely *ex-parte* statements; they are useful to refresh the memory of a witness who is giving evidence as to their contents when they have been kept in the ordinary way of business; but mistakes are liable to creep into the books, omissions often occur in them and as I have said already they are *ex-parte* statements made by one party or his servants. The defendant in this case says "I do not know or care what the plaintiffs have put in their books. I have never concurred in them and I do not owe the plaintiffs anything." In the face of a denial of this kind I cannot uphold the books put in by the plaintiffs unsupported by evidence of any kind by the clerks or accountants who made the entries.

Judgment for Defendant.

It is true, as Mr. Hugh Jones said, that books are often put in support of a claim, but even in cases where the defendant does not defend I am averse to giving judgment for the plaintiff on the books only. My practice has always been to call for some evidence of acknowledgment of indebtedness or receipt of the goods by a defendant and my experience has been that this has almost invariably been forthcoming.

On the evidence I do not consider that the plaintiffs are entitled to succeed on their claim for \$351.60. I give judgment for the defendant with costs.



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EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	June 5	June 8	June 11	June 13	June 22
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Friends of the school will be interested to learn that the following amounts have been received:—Class I, Stationery etc., \$38.55; Class II, Flowers and adobles, \$138; Class III, Miscellaneous \$231.35; Class IV, Dolls, \$38; Class V, Tea, \$34.70; Class VI, Shooting Competitions, etc., \$56.70; Class VII, Remove, Chinese goods, \$75.20; Class VIII, Sweets, \$86.05; Class IX, VII and VIII Toys, Brantub, \$122.95; School Work Stall, \$222; Guides, \$91.50; Toffee (Miss McGill), \$25; Received later, \$25.

This makes a total of \$1,331.30. The Guides have very generously given the school \$41.50 out of the \$91.50 which they earned for themselves and the Headmistress would thank them as well as the Brownies who made very acceptable gifts to more than one stall.

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THE TREATIES.

SINO-BRITISH AGREEMENT REPORTED.

Nanking, Dec. 17.

Sino-British negotiations are progressing. The tariff treaty is being drafted, and it is expected Sir Miles Lampson and Dr. Wang need but one more conference before the document will be ready for signature.

Official circles are reticent, but it is understood Britain has not demanded conventional tariffs. It is reported that Britain does not object to the enforcement of the new tariff schedule.

Sir Miles Lampson was the guest of Madame Chiang Kai-shek at Hsin to-day, at which Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Dr. C. T. Wang were present.

No fewer than five treaties are at present being negotiated at Nanking, all of which are expected to reach signature this week—Portuguese, Swedish, Netherlands, French and British.—Reuter.

NO BUSINESS.

THREE BIG ARMAMENT FIRMS TO UITE.

London, Dec. 17.

The Manchester Guardian says that Vickers Limited, Vickers-Armstrongs Limited, and Cammell, Laird and Company have agreed to unite their armament businesses. This arrangement has led to the formation of an English steel corporation.

The Guardian says the agreement means that the three great armament firms, which, after the war, have not had sufficient business to keep them fully employed, will now cease to compete with each other in assigned departments.—Reuter.

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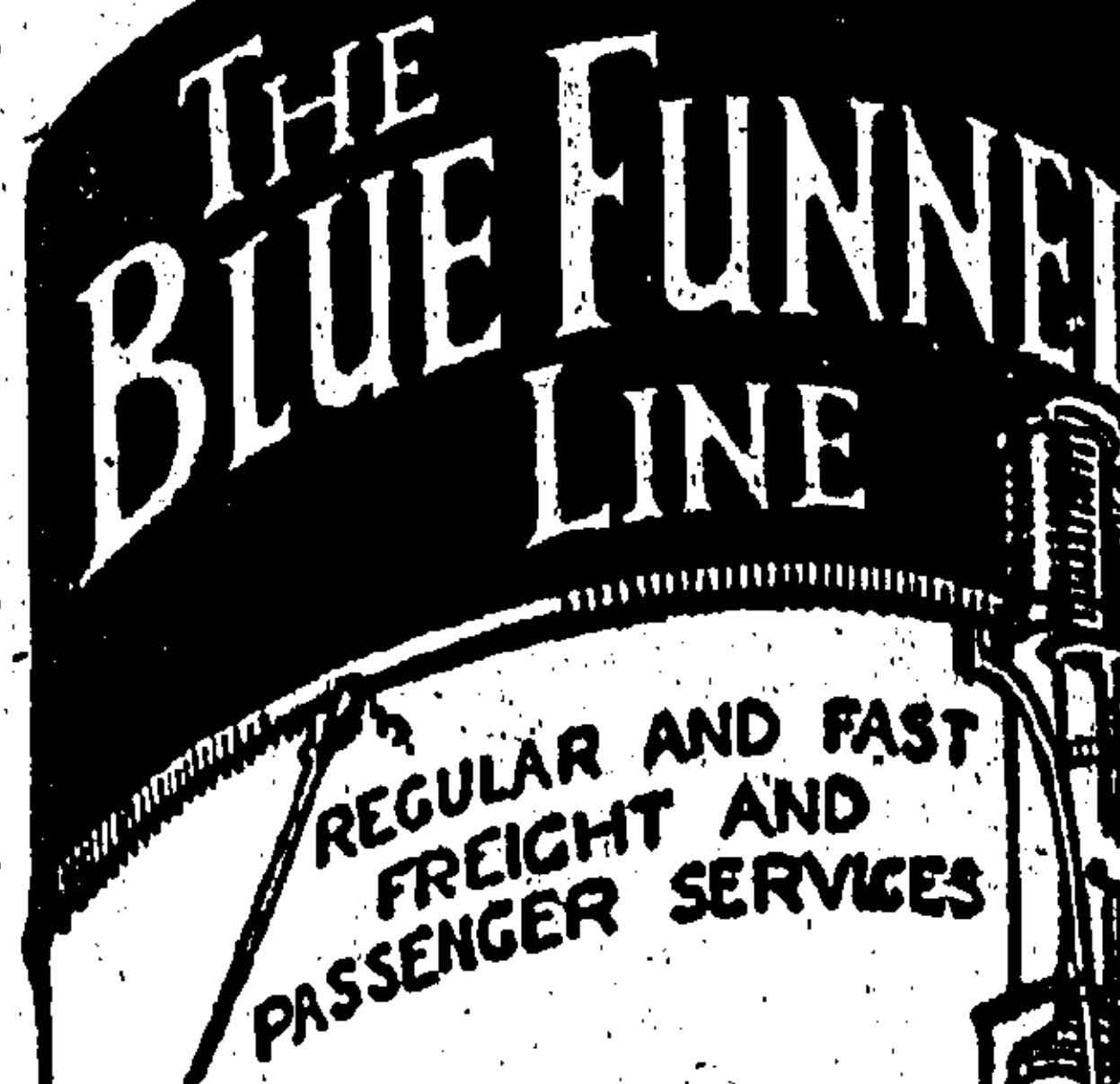
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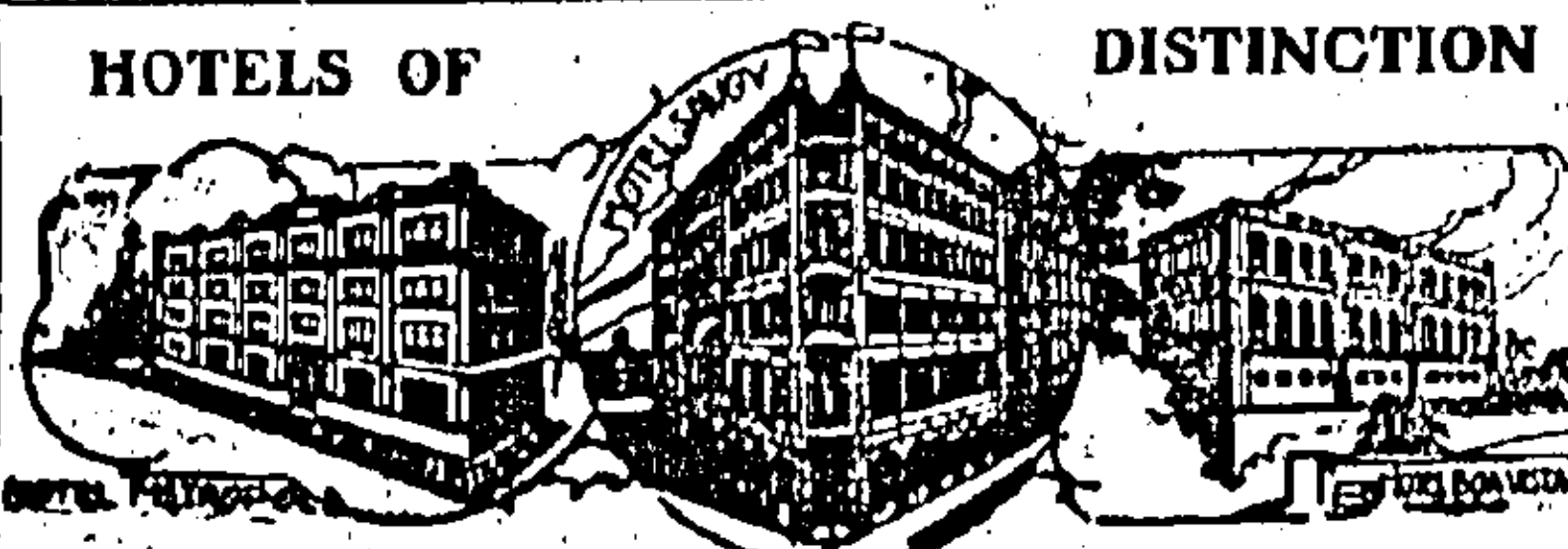
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KEEN OPPOSITION TO TEA MARK.

ENGLISH GROWERS IN DUTCH COLONY.

A BUYER'S OPINIONS.

London, Dec. 17. The inquiry at the Board of Trade concerning the application for an order requiring a mark of origin on imported tea was resumed to-day one of the first witnesses called being Mr. Charles Morrell, representing the British Chamber of Commerce in the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Morrell said he believed that a marking order would adversely affect the British export trade to the Dutch East Indies.

Mr. Eric MacFadyen, the chairman of the tea section of the same organisation, said that some of the British firms had expanded their business from Ceylon and India to the Dutch East Indies because tea-planting territory could be purchased in Sumatra at 14/- per acre, as against from £15 to £20 per acre in Ceylon.

Mr. MacFadyen considered that the standard of East Indies tea had considerably risen in recent years. The marking of tea containers entering Britain would restrict investments in tea produce in the East Indies.

Opposition to the marking proposal was also voiced by Joseph Travers and Company.

One of Messrs. Lyons' representatives expressed the opinion that it would create chaos in Great Britain, while their tea buyer, Mr. H. C. Barton said that Java tea grown by Dutchmen was very different from that grown by English firms in the same country. Dutchmen, he said, do not understand tea, and with one exception, produced a lower grade. *—Herald.*

THE CHONGS AND THE WONGS.

STREET FIGHT LEADS TO SENTENCES.

About a week ago, the Chongs and the Wongs, two clan factions in the 'Tung Tak Coolies' Union, were in deadly conflict over the allocation of certain lucrative jobs. In a fight which occurred on December 10 on the waterfront, a number of them were injured; the police, who intervened, making four arrests and sending to hospital a number of the injured.

At the Police Court hearing to-day it was stated that the fight was the direct outcome of the Wongs having obtained some business which the Chongs had previously enjoyed.

In spite of their having been severely injured, fines amounting to \$20 in each case were inflicted on two of the arrested men, by virtue of their responsibility in the matter as foremen of the coolies.

Two other defendants were each fined \$5, while all the four were ordered to sign a personal bond of \$100 to keep the peace for six months.

DEAD SEA SALTS.

BRITAIN DOES NOT RECOGNISE CONCESSION.

London, Dec. 17. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. L. M. S. Amery was asked about the nature of the claim regarding the Dead Sea salt concessions made by a foreign Power on behalf of its nationals.

He replied that before the war, the Turkish Government were alleged to have granted to certain Ottoman subjects a concession for the extraction of certain substances from the waters of the Dead Sea. From time to time the British Government had been requested to recognise this concession, the most recent request being from a French Company who were understood to have acquired an interest in it at a comparatively recent date.

The British Government were advised that they were under no legal obligation to recognise the Turkish concession and had repeatedly declined to do so. *—British Wireless.*

Miss Ruth Wooster, a wealthy American of Seymour, Connecticut, left Southampton recently for New York in the liner *Homeric* with a tiny silk-padded coffin containing the embalmed body of her pet fox-terrier which had died during her visit to England.

"As I have provided for him by the education I have given him," Mr. J. Quigley, of Park, Co., Londonderry, who left £3,394 gross, bequeathed nothing to his son John.

MEDICAL WOMEN IN TROPICS.

HONGKONG PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES.

BIG FIELD FOR CHILD WELFARE WORK.

INTERESTING VIEWS.

In an address delivered at the opening of the session at the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women recently, Dr. Andrew Balfour, C.B., C.M.G., Director of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, dealt with the possibilities for medical women in the tropical field. He outlined the position in various parts of the Empire, in which connexion he devoted some of his remarks to Hongkong.

In his first reference to Hongkong, Dr. Balfour spoke of its past history of gross overcrowding and its attendant evils, and continued:—"No wonder plague and cerebro-spinal fever have here from time to time found happy hunting grounds! No wonder tuberculosis claims many victims! No wonder leprosy is rife. Yet a great deal has been done and is being done to improve conditions and to safeguard health, though malaria constitutes a serious problem. As ever in the East, maternity and child welfare takes or should take a foremost place and, together with the medical care of school children, indicates that in Hongkong there is need, if not room, for the medical woman.

Burden of Disease.

"Much of China is in the tropics and everywhere there is a great burden of disease: surgical conditions calling for remedy, worm infestations of all sorts and notably schistosomiasis japonicum, clonorchis infections, lung fluke troubles and filariasis. In addition to the more common tropical maladies kala-azar exists in certain districts while two species of local hamster have been found susceptible to inoculation with *Leishmania donovani*. China indeed, is a mine of pathological wealth and has, as you know, been a great centre of medical missionary enterprise, and a place where many women doctors have found a vocation. It is now under a cloud and no one can envisage its future, so that we need scarcely dwell upon it."

Hongkong Opportunities.

Later in his address, Dr. Balfour said:—"Of Hongkong, Mrs. Minett, who is my chief informant, has not much to say. A woman holds a Government appointment as school medical officer and there is a medical woman with an assistant in charge of native maternity hospitals. No infant or child welfare work has yet been organized, though there is a huge field. Private practice could be built up and would in time be lucrative, but the language is a difficulty and there will be increasing competition from Chinese women who are qualifying in medicine. "Single-handed women's practice has been tried and abandoned several times. 'A firm of women,' says Mrs. Minett, 'with capital enough to wait and to enable them to spend six months in learning the very difficult language, might do extremely well. Pioneers are needed who can afford to do voluntary work, and there is scope for ambulance training and general health training among the Chinese."

A Hopeful Sign.

In conclusion, Dr. Balfour said:—"Perhaps the most hopeful sign of the times, from your standpoint, is the increased employment of medical women in laboratory work and research. After the war, men did not seem to be so ready to go to the tropics as formerly, and for a time it looked as if women would have to step into the breach and save the situation. This is no longer the case, but undoubtedly the opportunities for women are multiplying. Women are, they must be, to some extent, arbiters of their own fate in this matter. If they maintain the satisfactory standard already set by those of them who have made good, if they prove adaptable, and not unduly contentious, and if they bear in mind the wise and humane advice of Sir William Osler, there is every likelihood that, as the years pass, the number of medical women in the tropics will show considerable augmentation, and that new spheres of activity will open before them.

Special Knowledge.

"But whatever the future may hold, let it be remembered that it is no use going to the tropics

SMALL-POX ON THE INCREASE.

NEW RECORD TOTAL DURING LAST WEEK.

NEARLY 300 TO DATE.

Latest returns show that small-pox continues on a serious scale, the figures for the past week being the highest so far recorded for any week since the outbreak began in the latter part of October.

Last week, there were no fewer than 91 cases, with 29 deaths. Of these, 69 were from Kowloon and all the others from Victoria districts, excepting one from Aberdeen. All were Chinese.

On Sunday, a further eight cases were notified, whilst yesterday the total was again increased by 22 cases.

These figures now bring the total up to 291.

The details of the case reported for the weeks ending on dates gives are:

	Cases	Deaths
November 3 ...	6	0
November 10 ...	22	9
November 17 ...	31	9
November 24 ...	17	8
December 1 ...	33	25
December 8 ...	61	16
December 15 ...	91	29
	261	93

RIVER VESSEL LOSES PROPELLOR.

YUET ON'S MISHAP NEAR PAKKAI.

It was learned on the arrival of the s.s. Yuet On last night from Hongmoon, that an hour out of Pakkai, a serious mechanical defect developed, with the result that the starboard tail shaft and propeller were lost. The ship was obliged to make the rest of the way down on one engine.

Dock specialists were called in this morning, and it is announced that the vessel will proceed to Taikoo at 2 p.m. to-day for repairs which, it is understood, will take some time.

The s.s. Sanning was taken in hand at the Kwong Tak Cheung shipyard this morning for annual overhaul and refit.

With the San Nam Hot also in dock and the s.s. On Lee on the alternate night run, there will, therefore, be only one vessel sailing for Hongmoon this evening, the s.s. Tai Lee, already well booked for both passengers and cargo.

MANILA SCANDALS.

WOMAN LAWYER GETS SIX YEARS.

Manila, Dec. 14. Estela Romualdez and Luis Mabunay, who were convicted yesterday by Judge Eugenio P. Revilla, of the Manila Court of First Instance of the crime of falsification of public documents in connexion with the 1926 bar scandals, will appeal to the Supreme Court.

Miss Romualdez was sentenced to six years and one day imprisonment and to pay a fine of Pesos 200 for falsifying public documents as a public officer, together with the necessary penalty of perpetual disqualification from holding public office.

Mabunay was given four months and one day imprisonment with the accessories of the law a fine of Pesos 50, as accomplice.

Both furnished the appeal bond of Pesos 7,000 and Pesos 1,000, respectively, for their temporary liberty pending the appeal.

The Vice-Admiral Commanding the British Squadron in China returned the call of the Senior Officer of the American fleet in port this morning, the usual salutes being fired.

medically unprepared. That is fair neither to the doctor nor her patient. It is little short of criminal to send medical men or medical women to hot climates unless they know how to take care of themselves and how to diagnose and treat those diseases which, if they cannot, strictly speaking, be called tropical, yet are found chiefly in the tropics and require, may demand, appropriate study for their correct understanding. It is not enough to be a competent obstetrician or gynecologist, though that counts for much. There must be that special knowledge which is only acquired by special study, and which, if properly assimilated and applied, spells efficiency.

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